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9000 HEAR EARL BROWDER IN SAN FRANCISCO!

CIO Speeds Drive To Organize Unorganized

Amalgamated Gives $100,000 To Steel Drive

ANSWER TO AFL COUNCIL SPLITTING ACTION; COUNCIL TO OUST FROM STATE, CITY BODIES

WASHINGTON.—The powerful Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union has donated $100,000 to the fund to organize the steel industry. This was the Amalgamated Union's answer to the splitting move of the A.F.L. Executive Council, which ordered the suspension of 10 internationals because they were linked up with the Committee for Industrial Organization.

The Amalgamated's board reaffirmed its determination to stick with the C.I.O.

"The interests of the organized clothing workers are linked up with those of all workers," said President Sidney Hillman of the Amalgamated.

The C.I.O. will not disband, John L. Lewis has announced. This means in 30 days t he Executive Council will expel 10 C. I.O. unions, if its plans go through.

At the next Executive Council meeting on October 7, the Council reactionaries are expected to order all State Fedreations and Central Labor Councils to throw delegates from the 10 unions out. A dozen state federations, as well as numerous labor councils have endorse the C.I.O., and many more have protested the Council's splitting action.

Two hundred delegates attended an enthusiastic meeting in Carpenters Hall, St. Louis, reporting on the great progress of the steel organizing drive in the Illinois area.

Fifty big mass rallies of steel workers, in every strategic steel center will lead up to a huge rally of 50,000 steel workers and sympathetic miners in South Park, Pittsburgh on Labor Day.

Police Attack Mill Pickets

OAKLAND.—The 400 California Cotton Mills strikers are holding their ranks solid after 10 weeks in the face of a renewed series of attacks by the police on the picket lines.

A picket, Irving Bell, was arrested Wednesday after he resisted an attack by scabs. On Thursday the unwarranted arrest on Rose Rose occurred near strike headquarters. Police brutality attacked and broke up a mass picket line.

Following speeches by Miles Humphreys and Sonia Baltrum, strike leaders, 250 strikers marched from theid headquarters on Thursday noon and turned toward the cotton mill. A dozen cops were awaiting the workers, some at the mill, some near strike headquarters, a block from the mill. The police broke the strikers' ranks in two, then split each of these two groups into two, dispersing the strikers in four directions.

The strikers returned to their headquarters at 12:30 and voted to hold a continuous picket of two workers at a time, a man and a woman. Police who told them to move on were to be told the pickets were going to tea. Three homes near the picket line kept their tea pots boiling to help the strikers.

Rose Rose was arrested on the excuse that "someone said a rock had been thrown at a scab's car." The I.L.D. was to bail her out of city jail.

U.S. WORKERS URGED TO AID SPAIN PEOPLE

Caballero Appeals For Unity In Defense

MADRID—(By Cable).—Francisco Largo Caballero, leading Socialist and one of the most prominent leaders of the People's Front of Spain, urged all American people regardless of party lines to unite in defense of the Spanish people, in an exclusive interview with the correspondent of the Daily Worker, national organ of the Communist Party, U.S.A., who accompanied Caballero to the Guadarrama battlefront.

Caballero's message to the American workers was:

"I urge all American workers irrespective of party lines to unite in defense of the Spanish people in their struggle against Fascism.

"In Spain, all workers, both Socialist and Communist, are fighting shoulder to shoulder in defense of the democratic rights embodied in the Spanish republic.

"This unity of action will lead to greater unity. Unity is not

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LEGION MEET ENDS IN FIST FIGHT

HOLLYWOOD.—The California State convention of the American L egion ended Wednesday in a near-riot, in which fists flew.

Delegates voted to fire the three secretaries of Department Adjutant Fisk, who resigned after 14 years in office. Bert Mann, vice-president, dashed to the "mike" and urged delegates to reconsider the motion. A fist fight ensued between Mann and Department Commander Emmett. Fifteen hundred delegates joined in. The fight is said to reflect resentment of corruption and autocratic rule on the part of Legion officials.

Townsendites Close Office In L.A.

LOS ANGELES.—The office of the Townsend Old Age Pension movement will be closed here, it was announced by Hal M. Slemons, assistant regional director. The office is in the Broadway Arcade Building, and will be abandoned Saturday, August 15th. No reason was given.





LEFT: A SCENE IN BARCELONA, as the masses of people fought the fascists in defense of democracy. Just a short distance from the photographer's stand a shell is bursting. Barcelona, of great strategic importance, is in the government's hands. RIGHT: THE TWO SOVIET FLYERS, Sigmund Levenevsky and Victor I. Levchenko, who left California recently.

STRIKERS GET COUNCIL'S AID

$150 Donated to 284's Auxiliary; Ask Nash Removal

OAKLAND.—The widespread support by organized labor for the strike of 1800 members of the Machinists Union in the East Bay area was shown by the donation of $150 to the strike, by the Alameda County Labor Council even though the donation was made indirectly.

Sullivan Speaks

At the last meeting of the Council the Machinists delegates were unseated because Local 284's charter had been revoked by the International officials who declared the strike "outlaw."

Nevertheless the floor was given to President Frank Sulli-

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Firing 9000 On WPA in L.A.

LOS ANGELES.—Two thousand workers were dropped from W.P.A. jobs here on Wednesday, and it is announced that 7000 additional men will be thrown on the streets in the few weeks.

The lay-off began as the Federal Government began halting its $20,000,000 flood-control program.

Major Theodore Wyman Jr., U.S. district engineer, said that W.P.A. headquarters in Washington refused to provide additional sums after $14,000,000 had been spent on the project.

The laid-off workers were all formerly on direct relief.

Excuse for halting the project was understood to be a "too high per man per year costs."

A.F.L. Attorney Blasts One-Man Cars

WASHINGTON.—Use of one-man street cars to boost profits at the expense of labor was blasted sharply by Charlton Ogburn, A.F. of L. attorney, in a brief filed with the local public utilities commission.

The Washington traction company has asked permission to add 40 one-man cars.

SAILORS HEAR BROWDER

SAN FRANCISCO.—The majority of the deck crew of the intercoastal S.S. San Felipe, of the Quaker Line, was taken to the Earl Browder meeting at the Dreamland Auditorium by a Young Communist League member. The YCL'er is a member of the crew.

AGRICULTURAL UNION DRIVE IN STOCKTON

STOCKTON.—A plan of work was outlined by Agricultural Workers Union local 20221, which bids fair to make the fur fly for the big growers around here. The plan was adopted last Sunday, at a meeting in Warehousemen's Hall.

The plan calls for a struggle to obtain: $3 a day for common labor; $4 for semi-skilled, and $5 for skilled. The plan also calls for an 8-hour day, 6-day week, with time and a half for overtime. Members who go on jobs and work one hour, shall receive a half-day's wages, with all time over 4 hours constituting a full day.

Free transportation to and from all jobs will be sought. Workers who get their meals from the employers shall pay no more than 25 cents per meal.

The union plans to fight for a union hiring hall, through which all union members shall get jobs. Race or nationality discrimination is to be fought.

The union plans to recruit all who work in agriculture. An open meeting will be held Sunday, Aug. 16, at 10 a.m. at 35 North Center St. and all agricultural workers are invited.

Simple Rites For Steffens

SAN FRANCISCO.—As the friends and comrades-in-arms of Lincoln Steffens paid simple and moving tribute to his work, his body was laid to rest in the family vault in Cypress Lawn Cemetery here last Tuesday.

Among the floral wreaths which banked the casket were three from the Communist Party; one from the Central Committee and one each from the State Committee and the Monterey Section Committee of the Communist Party.

Speakers included Charles Erskine Wood; Judge Ben Lindsey; Ella Winter, his widow; and Marie Welch.

Wood referred to the term "muckraker" applied to Steffens by capitalist journalists, and de-

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Get Copies of Browder's Speech!

Earl Browder's speech in San Francisco will be printed in full in the next issue of the Western Worker!

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LABOR LEAGUE FLP NUCLEUS

Prepare For New Set-Up In Politics After 1936

WASHINGTON.—As a result of a conference of 150 trade union leaders here, Labor's Non-Partisan League definitely holds out the hope of becoming the basis for a national Farmer-Labor Party after the 1936 elections.

Every State Represented

Representing every state in the country, the union leaders spoke of a political realignment in the United States by 1940 as a certainty.

A national executive board was set up, of leaders in 35 international and national unions, with a membership of 85 per

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Merriam Scorns To Aid Hurt Man

GRASS VALLEY.—The arrogance of the capitalist class toward the people was revealed in a striking form the other day, when Gov. Merriam refused to allow his two chauffeurs to help remove Axel Hansen, a miner, from underneath a car.

The miner's car had plunged to the bottom of an embankment on the Yuba Pass Highway between San Juan and Comptonville.

Justice of the Peace Cleveland of Comptonville, who gave first aid to the miner and an injured companion, said later, "it looks as if the governor did not care whether there was anyone hurt or not."

DROUTH NOW A DISASTER, SAYS GOVT. MAN

WASHINGTON.—The smallest corn harvest in 50 years is the result of the drouth which has swept the corn belt this year. The Federal Crop Reporting Board forecasts a crop of only 1,439,135,000 bushels for 1936. This is 56% of the average yield. The smallest potato crop ever recorded is also reported.

The Board expects a shortage of important foods, which means extreme price rises, to be taken out of workers' hides.

Midwestern states again were hit by extreme heat this week, with Kansas recording a 100-degree temperature. Howard Hunter, Assistant Federal Administrator of Drouth Relief, reports the midwest situation as "no longer just a drouth—it is a disaster."

SHIPOWNERS SLANDER SEA UNIONS

SAN FRANCISCO.—In an attempt to win public sympathy against the maritime unions, the shipowners coast committee has sent slanderous letters to the various unions of the International Seamen's Union and to the Sailors Union of the Pacific, requesting arbitration on the opening of awards.

The notice was sent to the I.S.U., the Sailors Union, Pacific Coast Marine Firemen, and the Marine Cooks and Stewards.

False Statements

The shipowners letter, signed by Thomas G. Plant of the Waterfront Employers' Assn., demanded modifications of the awards in favor of the shipowners.

The letter falsely placed the blame on the unions for "delays and interruptions of services, costly to the shipping and travelling public."

Another slander against the maritime unions, calculated to gain public sympathy for the employers, was the statement that "the steamship companies have endeavored, without success to secure the aceptance of responsibility by the officers and members of your unions for proper performance of their obligations under these agreements."

The shipowners conveniently forget their attempts, which failed, to launch an attack on the maritime unions in the past year, in order to bring conditions back to the pre-1934 status.

STOCKTON IRON STRIKE STILL DEADLOCKED

STOCKTON. — No indication of plans for arbitration has been given by the Monarch Foundry, Stockton Iron Works, or the Engineering and Foundry Co., struck by the Molders Union last week.

About 150 union men are out for a scale of from 52½ to 95 cents an hour. One plant originally struck, the Augustine Brass Casting, settled quickly.

WPA Issues "Speed Up Or Starve" Ultimatum

LOS ANGELES. — "Speed up or starve" is the ultimatum of the WPA Administration to its workers in steel, as stated in a recent notice from the office of R.B. Hoffman, job engineer.

The notice, directed to the steel gang, read: "Steel gangs are not putting out the amount of work expected of them. Many workers rated at $85 per month are not entitled to this rate unless they can tie as much steel as KEY MEN who are really trying to turn out an honest day's work.

"If the demoted employee does not wish to acept demotion our only recourse is to dismiss."

Huge Ovation For Nominee ofCommunists

LANDON AND KNOX MAIN FOES; SCORES C.I.O. SUSPENSION; MARINE UNIONS PRAISED

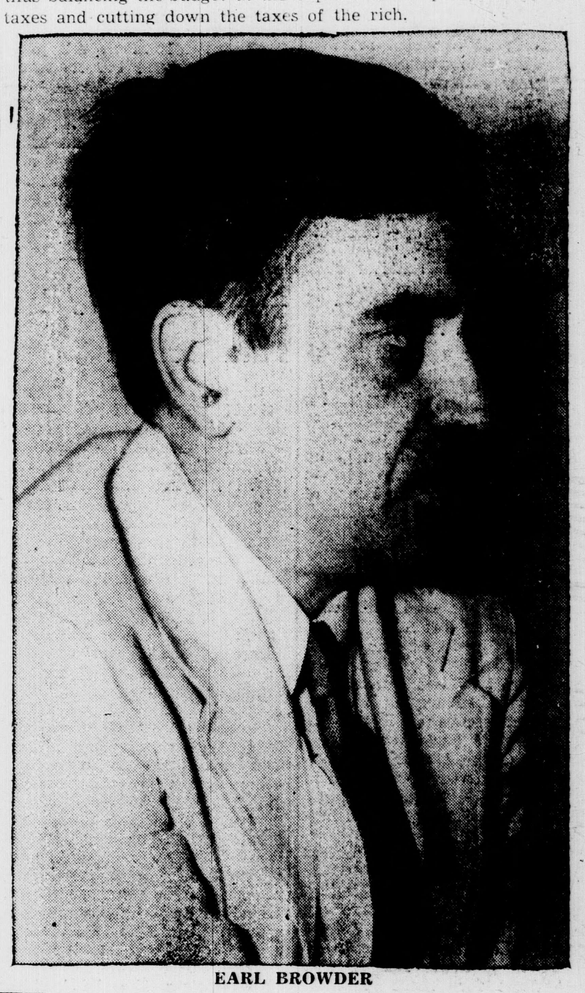
SAN FRANCISCO:—Political history was made in San Francisco last Wednesday night when more than 9000 people took part in the Communist Party election campaign rally for its presidential standard bearer, Earl Browder

It was one of the very largest political meetings ever held in San Francisco, and certainly the most enthusiastic. Browder's reading of the eight-point 1936 Platform of the Communist Party received the tremendous approval of the audience, who broke in with applause as the planks were read.

"The American people are facing the greatest crisis since the Civil War," declared Browder.

G.O.P. Attacks Labor

"The program of Landon, Hearst and the Liberty Leaguers is directed toward cutting wages, raising prices, smashing the trade unions, squeezing the impoverished and tenant farmers out of agriculture, cutting relief, wiping out all social and labor legislation, thus balancing the budget at the expense of the poor, raising their taxes and cutting down the taxes of the rich.



EARL BROWDER

Vallejo AFL Hits Anti-CIO Act

VALLEJO.—The Vallejo Central Labor Council voted, after a lively discussion, to send a letter to William Green, asking that the A.F. of L. Executive Council withhold drastic action against the Committee for Industrial Organization until after the annual convention in Tampa.

A resolution was passed by the Boilermakers Union against vigilantism.

Several unions reported on the letter received from the Council regarding the refusal of local papers to give space to labor, even if the space is paid for. Letters are being sent to the papers saying that unless this policy is changed, subscriptions of trade unionists will be cancelled.

"Landon and Knox are the main enemy, who must be defeated at all costs."

The Communist candidate warned, however, against placing any trust in President Roosevelt to defeat Facism, to turn back the forces who would place America under a bloody dictatorship as have Hitler and Mussolini in Europe.

For Unity of Labor

The thousands of trade unionists in the audience applauded Browder's statement on the Communist Party and the organized labor movement.

"The Communists stand for unity in the labor movement," stated Browder.

"The action of the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor in suspending the 10 big unions of the Committee for Industrial Organization, is threatening to split the trade unions. We declare this is a colossal crime against the interests of the workers of all

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MOONEY THANKS COMMUNIST PARTY FOR ITS COOPERATION ON S.F. RALLY HELD JULY 26

Writes from County Jail; Expresses Confidence He and Billings Will Be Out Within a Year

SAN FRANCISCO.—Tom Mooney has sent a letter of thanks to the membership of the Communist Party in San Francisco for its cooperation on the Mooney-Billings mass meeting held here on July 26. Mooney's letter follows:

County Jail No. 1
San Francisco, Cal.
August 10, 1936.

Membership, Communist Party,
121 Haight St.
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Comrades:

Please forgive my delay in sending you my grateful thanks and profund, heartfelt appreciation for your splendid co-operation rendered on the occasion of the Mass Meeting in the San Francisco Civic Auditorium on July 26th; but I have been working day and night, ever since, in the preparation of my rebuttal testimony in the hearing before the Referee sitting for the California State Supreme Court, and have myself been on the witness-stand almost every day since then.

Without your assistance and that of scores of other people actively working for its accomplishment, to say nothing of the hundreds of people who attended the meeting, that marvelous mass demonstration, climaxing 20 years of persistent, militant struggle for our freedom and vindication, could not have been.

In sending you my grateful appreciation, may I utter the hope that before another year passes my co-sufferer, Billings, and myself will be out there with you, enjoying the companionship of those near and dear to us, and participating in the struggle for a better world?

I know it is unnecessary for me to say that I hope I shall have the pleasure of your continued devoted services in the future, as I have in the past; that it will make our lot more bearable, more endurable, to know that those for whom we fought are fighting for us.

With my profund, thankful, proletarian appreciation, and with warmest greetings and affectionate regards, I am

Most sincerely and fraternally,
Tom Mooney—31921.

Mooney, Browder Meet For The First Time

SAN FRANCISCO.—Two great working class leaders—Tom Mooney and Earl Browder—met for the first time here last Tuesday in the County Jail.

"Gee, Earl, it's swell to see you," exclaimed Mooney, the moment he laid eyes on the Communist presidential candidate.

As the two shook hands, the famous class war prisoner asked about the health of William Z. Foster, national chairman of the Communist Party.

Mooney Thanks C.P.

Browder greeted Mooney in the name of the Central Committee of the Party and of the Party membership. Mooney replied by thanking Browder for $1000 contributed to his defense fund by the 9th National Convention of the Communist Party, and for its support.

Mooney showed great interest in the labor movement, particularly in the present organizational drive in the steel industry, and made the following statement:

"I think this is probably the most crucial period in the whole history of the American working-class struggle. We are now at the cross-roads, and must choose between working-class democracy or capitalist reaction with all its terrorism.

"Now more than ever before, must the workers be ever and eternally on guard lest they lose any of their dearly won rights. Labor's greatest defense will come from an aggressive, militant, offensive campaign to improve its position, with the ultimate objective of complete working-class victory."

SCHOOL STRIKE MAY DEVELOP IN L.A.

LOS ANGELES.—Threats of a school strike were hurled at members of the Board of Education here yesterday by a group of East Side mothers.

Appearing before the Board of Education, the mothers demanded that the three grades in the Evergreen school be increased to six and other improvements be made at the school or else they would not send their children to school this fall.

Mothers protested the transferring of their children from Evergreen school to a more distant one after having finished the three grades at Evergreen.

Kids Endangered

They declared that children when transferred were forced to cross a Pacific Electric railroad and a dangerous high speed highway.

The board referred the protest to the superintendent.

Mothers of children attending the Evergreen school have organized an Evergreen School Parents' League. Parents are urged to join the League and help fight for more modern schools.

Communist Nominees In San Diego To Speak On Radio

SAN DIEGO.—Opening gun in their election drive will be fired here next Monday night, Aug. 17th, by Communist Party candidates over radio station KGB, local station in the Columbia network (1330 kilocycles) at 8:30 pm.

Speakers will be E. L. Richardson, candidate for Congress in the 20th District, and Mrs. Bessie Keckler, El Cajon, candidate for Assembly in the 80th District. The broadcast will be heard in Imperial and San Diego counties, the 20th Congressional District, and elsewhere in Southern California.

STEEL UNION GROWS

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—Since the C.I.O. drive started 2 months ago, the membership of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers has grown from 11,000 to 18,000.

FOR LABOR



WILLIAM E. SHERWOOD, Communist candidate for assembly in the 43rd A.D., Glendale. He stands for free speech for the workers, which the Glendale authorities deny.

JOSEPH RYAN HAILS AFL SPLIT

Reactionary I. L. A. Head Runs True To Usual Form

NEW YORK.—Joseph P. Ryan, president of the International Lonshoremen's Association, has run true to reactionary form, in hailing the suspension of the C. I.O. unions by the A.F. or L. Executive Council.

The Executive Council had no other alternative, Ryan said. "They were conducting a dual movement within the A.F. of L.

"The action of the C.I.O. organizations under the leadership of John L. Lewis in banding together in a minority movement to force their will upon the rest of the labor movement is responsible for the condition in which we are today. I still believe, however, that the A.F. of L. will come through stronger than ever," Ryan said.

Stiff Sentences In Santa Ana

SANTA ANA.—Ten Mexican workers convicted today on charges of "rioting" in connection with the recent orange strike were given the alternative of serving long jail sentences or returning to Mexico at the expense of Orange county.

Superior Judge Allen turned a deaf ear to the pleas of the convicted men, who said they had been residents of Orange county for many years. Joining an agricultural union, they said, had been their gravest "offense" against the capitalist rulers of our present society.

All transportation costs to border would be assured, Judge Allen told the framed-up workers. It was to be stipulated that they "never return to the United States."

Three of the convicted workers said that they owned property in Orange County and asked only for the privilege of providing for their families.

Seven were sentenced to one year and $500. Three were given 10 months.

They were represented by Clarence Rust, attorney for the Socialist Party.

ILA Labor Day Plan Denied

SAN FRANCISCO.—"We dont believe in change," stated Edward Vandeleur, president of the San Francisco Labor Council, in denying I.L.A.Local 38-79 permission to have its members who march on Labor Day wear sashes with the inscription "Free Mooney and Billings." Vandeluer made these remarks in presiding over the last meeting of te Labor Day Parade Committee, at Labor Temple.

Henry Schimpf was the I.L.A. delegate who asked permission for te wearing of the ashes.

Vandeleur stated that the Labor Day parade had always been conducted in a certain manner and would never change.

When Schrimpf made a motion of his request, Vandeleur refused to entertain it. Reactionary Council secretary John O'Connell arose, and in his typical wind-bag manner said that "there are a bunch of saviors in our midst who would like to substitute May Day for 'our Labor Day.'"

Nevertheless the I.L.A idea received loud applause from the rank and file.

ASK LOAN OF TRUCK FOR MEETINGS

SAN FRANCISCO.—With more and more working people stopping to hear the 1936 program of the Communist Party, street meetings are growing at the corner of Fillmore and O'Farrell Sts. here, every Saturday night at 7:30, under auspices of the Filimore Section.

In order to make the meetings more effective and to attract even larger crowds, the Fillmore Section requests the loan of a truck for use as a speaker's stand every Saturday night between 6 and 8:30 p.m. Anyone owning a truck is asked to contact the Western Worker office at 121 Haight St.

12 MINUTES FOR LUNCH

NEW KENSINGTON, Pa.—Sit-down strikes have been occurring at the Aluminum Corp factory here because only 12 minutes are allowed for lunch.

Holt Deserts Miners, Joins Coughlin

CLEVELAND.—Senator Rush Holt (Dem. W. Va.), the "boy wonder" who deserted the coal miners who elected him, has turned fascist and delivered the keynote speech at Father Coughlin's National Union for Social Justice Convention.

The Coughlin convention opened here on Friday, August 14. William Lemke and Thomas O'Brien, Union Party presidential and vice-presidential candidates were also to address the convention.

AUTO UNION MEMBERSHIP NOW 90,000

DETROIT.—Since its April convention, the United Automobile Workers Union has doubled its membership.

It is one of the 10 unions suspended recently by the A.F.L. Executive Committee, because of its affiliation with the C.I.O. The general executive board meeting of the union reports membership now close to 90,000. Several independent unions have merged with the A.F.L. union.

ANOTHER "LIBERAL" PAPER APOLOGIZES FOR FASCISM; THIS TIME THE L. A. NEWS

The "Decent People" Are With Spanish Fascists, Says Editorial; Who They Are

By *Wayne V. Chapman*

LOS ANGELES.—Following the lead of Chester Rowell and the San Francisco Chronicle, another so-called "liberal" newspaper joins the ranks of the apologists of Fascism.

In its editorial column of August 6th, the Illustrated Daily News (Los Angeles) contained an editorial entitled "In Spain," signed R.R.K., which very effectively demonstrated just how "liberal" that paper and its publisher, Manchester Boddy, really are.

Apology for Fascism

Apparently Fascism is all right for other countries, even if "it can't happen here," according to the editorial, "In Spain."

R.R.K. starts out by stating that "according to all reports Spain is about to shrive herself of the curse of Communism."

"Mr. R.R.K. must have been reading the worng dispatches, for all reports that I have read seem to indicate the exact opposite: the heroic Spanish workers have thus far been highly successful in their fight to repel the forces of Monarchists and Fascists.

R.R.K. goes on to say that the insurgent forces are not really Fascists, despite what the Popular Front says of them; on the contrary, they are only trying to rid Spain of "the cure of Communism"!

No statement could be more patently ridiculous; R.R.K. evidently doesn't know Fascism when he sees it. The insurgents openly admit that they are Fascists; what outside nations are helping them with money, arms and men? Who else but Ger? many and, Italy, Europe's foremost Fascist nations? Is any further proof necessary?

Further, R.R.K. states that "decent people" have had nothing to do with the government of Spain during the last four or five years. Who, Mr. R.R.K. are the "decent people" in Spain? The aristocrats and the bloody-handed industrialists (a la Jaun March) who are now attempting to clamp an iron dictatorship on the backs of Spain's already overburdened workers?

If those are the "decent people" that R.R.K. speaks of, the Spanish people may well rejoice that they kicked them out of power at the polls last February, and now by their militant action on the firing line are serving notice that they shall stay out.

This editorial in the News is but one more illustration of the confusion that always afflicts the typical "liberal" when the real crisis arises; it has been proven time again in practice. Somewhere John Strachey has made the remark: "Every man must make the choice between Capitalism and Communism; there is today no other road." The liberal tries to straddle the fence, but when it comes to the choice, he flops to the reactionary side, just as the Illustrated Daily News has so well demonstrated.

Labor League Labor Party Nucleus

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cent of the A. F. of L.'s enrolled strength.

Besides support for re-election of Roosevelt this year, the League set as a main task "to play our part in the political realignment if a realignment in the political parties takes place."

The League dealt a firm rebuke to Norman Thomas, for "trying to pull Landon out of the position he has put himself in" on labor issues.

Both John L. Lewis and Sidney Hillman, C.I.O. leaders, sharply attacked Landon as a "puppet of Standard Oil and the steel interests."

Hillman called Landon "the candidate of the National Manufacturers Association."

George L. Berry, Pressmens Union President, declared that the League represents 3,000,000 voters, said that it is "an accepted fact that there will be a political realignment in 1940."

Berry further stated that "the foes of reaction should prepare themselves for a party realignment—not to take crumbs from the table, but to prepare for the feast," with "the establishment of a liberal party if necessary."

The League has grown strong in a number of important industrial states, and aims to make California one of its concentration points. Berry was elected president and Lewis chairman of the League's board of directors.

U.S. WORKERS URGED TO AID SPAIN PEOPLE

People Will Clean Out Traitors —Diaz

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only a theoretical need—it is the practical result of the every day struggle which the Spanish workers are waging against Fascism and which makes unity all the more necessary.

Fascism Can Be Whipped

"The working class of Spain is proving to the whole world that Fascism can be beaten even when it has at its command a huge army and tremendous war material.

"It is inconceivable that Fascism should be victorious in Spain, but if the Fascists win, it would mean the domination of Europe by the Fascists."

Caballero, who is also general secretary of the General Confederation of Labor, asked that all American workers who are giving moral and material assistance to the Spanish workers, should be thanked on behalf of the Confederation. He mentioned with particular emphasis a cable offer of assistance of an American "Jimmy Collins" group of aviators. The cable was received by Mundo Obrero, central organ of the Spanish Communist Party.

Communist Secretary Speaks

MADRID—(By Cable)—"Our country will create a true Republican Spain, a free and peaceful country, with honest labor and prosperity for all," declared Jose Diaz, secretary of the Spanish Communist Party, in a speech broadcast here, while tens of thousands of workers crowded the streets to listen to his stirring words.

"Fascist insurgents reckoned on taking the country unawares," said Diaz, "but the people took the offensive and will clean these traitors out of Spain.

"In our country, a heroic struggle is taking place between democracy and Fascism, between hatred and slavery, between the forces of peace and the forces of war.

"We Communists will always be in the front ranks, holding high the banners of Labor, Peace and Liberty, which we are defending today with our lives.

"We will not rest until we have completely destroyed the Fascists."

E. Bay Machine Strike Gets Council Aid

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van of Local 284, who told the sordid story of betrayal by International organizer Nash. Sullivan received a good hand from the Council delegates.

A motion had been passed at the previous meeting calling on the Machinists International office to reconsider its action in removing Local's 284's charter; at this meeting a motion was passed calling on the International to remove Nash and to leave the affair in the hands of Council Secretary Spooner.

The motion to donate $150 to the strike was significantly made by President Clifford Lester of Teamsters Local 70. The Teamster's business agent, Real, had instructed teamsters to pass through the machinists' picket line.

Chairman Fee refused to entertain the motion, on the grounds that Local 284 "does not exist any more." Finally another motion was entertained to donate the sum to the Machinists' Womens Auxilliary. This was passed.

Spooner called for an amendment to delay this motion until the next meeting, and to see in the meantime how many locals donate. Spooner was defeated on this by a vote of 55 to 42.

ANTI-NAZI



ERNEST LEE JAHNCKE was dropped from the American Olympic Committee because he was critical of Adolph Hitler and his regime. The trick was pulled by Avery Brundage, chairman of the American Olympic Committee, who is pro-Nazi.

SIMPLE RITES FOR STEFFENS

C.P. Sends Wreaths; Browder Wires Message

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clared this was due to Steffens' untiring fight against graft and corruption throughout the country. Marie Welch read a poetic tribute to the crusading journalist.

A delegation was present from the Communist Party.

When news came of Steffens' death, Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President now on a speaking tour on the Pacific Coast, sent the following telegram from Los Angeles to the Daily Worker:

LOS ANGELES, August 10.—Forces of progress in American suffered deep loss with the passing of Lincoln Steffens. In his long services his was often role of pioneer blazing trail along which liberal and progressive forces could follow. His early championship of first Socialist and Workers Government in which he never wavered earned him an honored place in history aad forecast his complete adoption of Communism in final years of long and valueable life. Lincoln Steffens influence will long be felt after his departure from among us.

The State Committee of the Communist Party expressed its grief over the loss of a staunch supporter of the Soviet Union and a friend of the people in the following telegram:

Ella Winter,
Carmel, Calif.

State Committee Communist Party, California, greatly grieved to learn of death Lincoln Steffens staunch loyal friend working people. Steffens will be remembered as outstanding fighter against graft corruption and reaction as spirited fighter for peace liberty freedom from economic enslavement faithful devoted friend Soviet Union. We bow our heads in memory of a friend and comrade.

Anita Whitney, State Chairman, Communist Party.
Bill Schneiderman, State Secreteary.

J. B. McNamara, world's oldest labor prisoner, who has been behind the bars since 1911 for his working class activity, sent the following wire from Folsom penitentiary:

"My deepest personal regrets and sympathy at death of Lincoln Steffens, valiant fighter on behalf of labor. All political and labor prisoners have indeed suffered a great loss.

J. B. McNamara."

Elaine Black, acting organizer of the California district of the International Labor Defense, sent a message mourning the loss of one of the most ardent champions of the cause of labor's imprisoned martyrs.

Just prior to his death, Steffens wrote a message to Joseph Freeman, editor of the New Masses. It was found in his typewriter:

"I see, and feel, the People's Front fighters as making my war for me—and for us. For Malraux, for the French; for all men, women and children. Spain's is the first, the opening battle of man for man; perhaps it is the most decisive battle. Anyway, it is ours, as they must know and as we must. I say we do—and that we realize, as they fight, that we have to finish what they are starting. The Spanish defenders are our world's leaders.

Lincoln Steffens."

At the funeral, Ella Winter read the foreword to the manuscript of a new book that is in preparation for publication; one containing Steffens notes and comments for the last two years. A third volume of his autobiography was to be written she declared, "but this now will have to be done by all of us in carrying on the work he so valiantly carried on during his lifetime."

(SEE EDITORIAL)

COMMUNIST NOMINEE IS EYE-FULL AND EAR-FULL TO S. F. CAPITALIST NEWS REPORTERS

Browder's Spiking of Hearst Lies About Party, and Outline of Communist Program Impresses Newsmen

SAN FRANCISCO.—Reporters from capitalist newspapers got an eye-full and an ear-full when they interviewed Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President, here last Tuesday in the Whitcomb Hotel.

"Rapidly growing," replied Browder. "Largely the response to my meetings is first, for a Farmer-Labor Party, and second, for the Communist program."

Labor Moves Left

"Do you think the present steel organization drive is having a leftward trend politically?"

"The trend throughout the labor movement is toward political action. It is, of course, stronger in the industrial unions than elsewhere. The industrial unions are the most progressive in general. I expect to see the Labor Non-Partisan League in coming years develop into a Farmer-Labor Party, amalgamating with those forces already organized as a Farmer-Labor Party."

One of the capitalist reporters then brought in the "gold from Moscow" idea.

No "Moscow Gold

"That is nonsense," replied Browder. "Our work is financed right in America by those who are interested in it. Hundreds of thousands of workers support our movement.

"It would be ridiculous in the richest country in the world, to get finances from the Soviet Union. We are not opposed in principle to one country financially helping another country. We send money out of America—we do not receive it. Our Party collects special assessments for our Parties in Fascist and colonial countries. We send about $25,000 a year."

Another Hearst Lie Exposed

Another doubting question from a capitalist reporter: "If Communism ever becomes a fact in the United States, would there not be domination by Soviet Russia?"

"Not at all. It would be created by American people and controlled only by Americans."

"Controlled only by Americans?"

"Only by Americans."

"Mr. Browder," asked one reporter, with a twinkle in his eye, "are Hearst's sudden trip to Europe and your trip to California co-related?"

"Not exactly," smiled Browder. "I came out here to fight Fascism. Hearst went to Europe to consult the leaders of Fascism."

One final question: "Does the Communist Party in America advocate control of all business?"

"Yes, we advocate socialism; but we are not making that the issue in 1936. The issue is democracy versus Fascism."

Reporters Impressed

The capitalist reporters had obviously been impressed by the Communist candidate for President of the United States. Result was the greatest amount of publicity for the Communist Party in capitalist newspapers in the history of San Francisco. The Chronicle printed the story for a column and a half at the top of Page 1, with a large picture of Browder on another page. The News likewise gave plenty of publicity to Browder's San Francisco appearance, with a cartoon on the editorial page. Only the Hearst press refused to admit the historical importance of the occasion, and ran a very brief story under the typical headline: "In California To Foment Revolution."

Broun Joins The C.I.O.; On Board

WASHINGTON. — Heywood Broun, president of the Newspaper Guild has joined the Committee for Industrial Organization. He called on the Guild to affiliate with the C.I.O. Broun was appointed to the C.I.O executive board.

Prepare To File C.S. Repeal Petitions

As trade unions and progressive organizations throughout the state speeded up the signature collecting drive, preparations were made by the State Conference for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act to make the final filings of the initiative petitions to place repeal on the ballot.

Following are the deadlines when petitions must be turned in to local C.S. Conference committees, by counties:

Contra Costa, August 14th; San Diego, August 14th; Santa Clara, August 14th; Tulare, August 14th; Alameda, August 15th; Yolo, August 17th; Los Angeles, August 19th; Orange, August 19th; San Joaquin, August 20th; Sacramento, August 21st; San Francisco, August 24th; Riverside, August 24th; San Bernardino, August 24th; Sonoma, August 26th; Humboldt, August 26th; San Mateo, August 30th; Solano, September 1st; San Luis Obispo, September 1st; Ventura, Butte and Mendocino on September 5th.

Petitions must be turned in on these dates so they can be precincted and filed a few days after the above deadlines. State headquarters are at 121 Haight Street, San Francisco; Southern California Councils for Constitutional Rights are at 129 West 2nd Street, Room 326, Los Angeles.

Pres. Hayes Crew Calls Off Strike

SINGAPORE.—The crew of the Dollar Liner President Hayes returned to work, on cabled instructions of the Marine Firemen's and the Pacific Sailors' Unions, after the men had struck against demotion of an oiler to fireman.

The liner's captain refused to allow the men food, and they therefore went ashore to obtain food. The American Consul here supported the action against the oiler.

It is reported that an inquiry on the dispute will be held in San Francisco in October. There are 141 men in the crew.

"RED" HYNES DINES WITH OWNERS

LOS ANGELES.—Plotting a reign of police terror against the militant furniture workers, William F. "Red" Hynes, Fascist chief of the Los Angeles "Red Squad," dined with the general manager of the Sears Roebuck Company and three heads of the largest furniture manufacturing plants at the Furniture Exchange last week.

The furniture workers are out on strike at several plants and have established militant picket lines. They are carrying on an intensive organizational drive at this time and have been one of the most active participants in the Saturday picket lines conducted by the Central Labor Council.

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LABOR AND POLITICS

By John Broman

EARL BROWDER must really amaze millions of workers throughout the nation, who listen to his radio speeches—must really bowl 'em over. After the studied "fireside" delivery of Roosevelt, the dry and menacing tone of Hearstman Landon, and the loud rantings of Father Coughlin, the clear and intelligent voice of the Communist presidential candidate is as welcome as a cake of ice in the parched drouth areas.

The incisive logic of Browder's speeches—both in person and over the air, cuts into the political and economic life of the nation with the sureness of a surgeon's knife, lays bare the mass misery and degradation of the people, diagnoses the danger of even greater misery in the form of paralyzing Fascist infection, and proposes the building of a broad anti-Fascist People's Front (Farmer-Labor Party, in the United States) which will win basic and immediate demands for the working people.

And the working people will learn vital lessons through struggling in a Farmer-Labor Party—will go forward to the fight for socialism.

"The Press" Was Impressed. . .

San Francisco reporters who interviewed Browder were obviously impressed with our candidate for President of the United States, even the reporter from Hearst's Examiner.

As they were leaving, one of the reporters said: "Goodbye—and good luck!"

Of course, they asked the usual questions about "Moscow gold" and "force and violence" a la Hearst. And I think that what impressed them most was the bref but complete spiking of these lies of San Simeon origin.

Poorman Landon ! ! !

Worried because the close link between the steel trust, Liberty League, open-shoppers in general, etc., and Alf Landon is daily becoming more evident, the publicity gang in the G.O.P. campaign committee has started out to prove that the "Kansas Coolidge" is really quite a poor man.

Something less than a million dollars, probably around $825,000, is Landon's wealth, they say. He's practically down to his last Packard town car, his last mansion, and his last butler; and he never even had a yacht, because you know Kansas is one of the drouth states! Landon is really an "average man," say the G.O.P. publicity men.

And Landon's affection for the Liberty League, Hearst and the steel trust just comes out of the goodness of his heart!

The Other Side . . .

And on the other side is President Roosevelt, whose holdings are estimated at about $850,000, and who is now the "forgotten man" of the Morgans and DuPonts.

In 1932 the Wall Street gang largely put their money on Roosevelt to pull their chestnuts out of the fire.

Today this Fascist gang has put its "heavy sugar" on Landon, because they want even more chestnuts and because they think the only way they can get more is to elect Landon and make a direct drive toward a Fascist dictatorship.

In other words, they want the common working people of America to pay the entire cost of the depression while Wall St.'s profits continue to soar, and they want to crush and smash the organized labor movement and all workers' organizations to carry out this Hitler program.

Money Talks Fascism . . .

It's an old saying that "money talks." Today big money is talking as loud as it can for Landon's candidacy. Millions of Wall St. dollars are going into the Republican campaign and also into the "Union Party" campaign (which is designed to take votes from Roosevelt) in order to elect Landon and to put into effect their Fascist program, brought straight from Europe by William Randolph Hearst.

But of course, they have to dress up Fascism in an American garb to make it somewhat attractive bait for the people. And so, the "Liberty" League throws out a lot of American flags, yelps about "Save the Constitution," and tries to ride to power on a "patriotic" bandwagon.

There's another old saying that fits these cut-throats to a T: "Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel."

NINE THOUSAND HEAR BROWDER IN S.F. SPEECH

Enthusiasm Greets Candidate and Platform

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unions, as well as the unorganized masses.

"It brings joy to the American Iron and Steel Institute, to Wall Street, to the open shoppers and reactionaries; it arouses indignation and protest among the workers. It is at the same time a clear violation of the laws of the A.F. of L. itself, and shows with what contempt the little groups of reactionary leaders, who arrogate supreme power to themselves, look upon the democratic rights of the union membership.

Defeat any Split!

"This attempt to split the ranks of labor must be repulsed and defeated by the prompt and energetic protest and action of unions and their membership everywhere. The members of the craft unions, whose officers misrepresent them in this action, must join hands with the membership of the C.I.O. unions, to fight uncompromisingly to maintain and extend a powerful, united A. F. of L."

Analyzes California

The audience listened attentively to Browder's analysis of the political and economic situation in California:

"California has been prematurely called a 'Fascist state' because it has more than its share of reactionary forces, open-shop employers, vigilantism, and the very militant Industrial Association and Waterfront Employers Association.

"But California, and especially the San Francisco Bay area, has something which is the best guarantee against the advance of Fascism, and that is a strong trade union movement in which the progressive forces are growing stronger every day.

Maritime Unions an Example

"In the forefront of the progressive forces stand the militant maritime unions of the San Francisco waterfront. I can testify to the fact that the example of unity and solidarity given by the Maritime Federation of the Pacific Coast, and its resulting successes in improving the conditions of what was formerly one of the most exploited sections of workers in any industry, has had a great influence and given a powerful impetus to the labor movement—not only in every Pacific Coast port, but on the East Coast as well, and generally throughout the country.

"The maritime workers have won through militant struggle conditions more closely approaching an American standard of living, but the employers seem determined to continue their un-American activities aimed toward smashing the unions. The employers are trying to describe the Communists and all militants as trouble-makers. That is nonsense.

"The Communist Party is not interested in fomenting strikes for strikes' sake. We know too well the heavy cost of strikes to the workers to irresponsibly advise any unnecessary strikes.

Just Demands

"We are not hoping for a strike in the marine industry. We rather hope for a settlement which will take into full account the just demands of the marine workers.

"We stand always and unalterably for the right of the workers to strike as a last resort, when all other means of establishing their just demands have failed."

Anita Whitney, state chairman of the Communist Party, introduced William Schneiderman, state secretary, as chairman of the evening.

Where Was Rossi?

"As you know," said Schneiderman, "our city fathers did not greet Comrade Browder when he arrived in San Francisco, nor did they turn over the keys of the city to him. Perhaps they think there are too many Reds in San Francisco already.

"But I think, from the size of this meeting, that we can get along without our 'city fathers' because the great mass of the common people are here to bring their own greetings:

"And I don't think we have to worry about the reputation of San Francisco. We believe the people are proud of the record of our city as a union town. We Comunists have done our best to make it a union twon, and we hope to keep it a union town.

"The Communist Party has entered 40 candidates in California, but we stand ready to join with trade unions, Epics, and Townsendites behind any one candidate running on a labor platform, for the defense of civil rights, who will further the causeof labor's independent political action."

Youth Won't Be "Lost"!

Frank Carlson, state secretary of the Young Communist League, spoke for the "locked-out younger generation.

"The problem of the youth today is not how to rise from bootblack to banker," said Carlson, "but how to become a bootblack. We have been dubbed the "lost generation,' but we refue to be lost."

The entire audience arose and stood in silence for one minute in memory of Lincoln Steffens.

Newell Johnson, young Negro worker from Oakland, was the next speaker, contrasting the national conventions of the Republicans and Democrats, where Negro delegates were barred and segregated, with the 9th National Convention of the Communist Party, where more than 50 Negro delegates were present,

A cablegram of solidarity with the heroic Spanish people, now fighting off Fascism in defense of their democratic government, was unanimously adopted and sent.

Lawrence Ross, editor of the Western Worker, spoke in behalf of the 15 Communist Party candidates runing for election in Northern California. Ross is candidate for Congress in the 5th District, San Francisco.

Hearst Is "Drowned"

Betty Gannett, Communist Party state educational director, spoke in organizing collection of campaign funds from the audience, while two Young Communists held a cartoon effigy above a garbage basket, Hearst being represented on one side and Hitler on the other. As the donations came flowing in, Hearst gradually "drowned" in the garbage basket. Collection was approximately $1000 in cash and nearly $300 in pledges.

Huge Demonstration

When Browder walked into the auditorium, there was a standing and prolonged demonstration. Another huge demonstration followed when a color guard of the Young Communist League marched down the aisles, bearing red flags and singing the International.

A five-minute demonstration, with singing of the International, spontaneously started up when Browder arose to speak.

The Brother Abraham Mission of Father Divine, Oakland, adjourned its services to come to the meeting. The four Father Divine missions and the extension will adjourn their services Oct. 8th and march to the Oakland meeting for Comrade Ford.

CANADIAN COMMUNIST ELECTED

J. Litterick Wins Seat In Manitoba Legislature

WINNEPEG.—First Communist to be elected to a provincial or state assembly on the North American continent, and the third member of the Party to become a member of Parliament or Legislature in the British Empire, James Litterick has been elected to the Manitoba Legislature here.

Born in Glasgow, Scotland, 35 years ago, Litterick has been in the revolutionary movement since he learned to walk.

His father was a life-long Socialist, and when the Socialist Labor Party was formed in Great Britain, Jim became a member of the Party at the age of 16.

Often Jailed for Workers

His working class activities have many times caused his imprisonment by the capitalist class, starting in Scotland's Clydebank in 1920, when he was arrested for participating in a "rent riot" there.

Only other two Communists to be eleceted to as high a body or higher than the Manitoba Legislature, were Willie Gallacher, elected from Clydebank to the British Parliament last fall, and M. Saklotvala, former member of the British House of Commons.



JAMES LITTERICK

Communist member of Manitoba Legislature.

"No Strikes For Strikes' Sake" —Browder

SAN FRANCISCO. — "The Communist Party is not interested in fomenting strikes for strikes' sake," declared Earl Browder at the special luncheon in his behalf by the Commonwealth Club at the Palace Hotel.

"We know too well the heavy cost of strikes to the workers to advise irresponsibly any unnecessary strikes.

"We are not hoping for a strike in the marine industry. We rather hope for a settlement which will take into account the just demands of the marine workers."

The Communist candidate for President spoke 45 minutes to about 750 business men, lawyers, engineers, statisticians, importers, shippers, etc.—members of the nationally known Commonwealth Club.

Following his speech, many crowded around Browder to thank him. One of the waiters who had served, grabbed Browder's hand to shake.

Roosevelt and Landon have also been invited to appear before the club.

WPA WORKERS WIN LEGAL RIGHTS

LOS ANGELES.—Victory has rewarded the fight of WPA project workers to exercise their constitutional right to run for elective office, confirmed in a recent letter from Aubrey Williams, acting WPA Administrator.

The letter stated in part; "The provisions of the Emergency Relief Administration Act of 1936 and instructions from this administration prohibiting WPA personnel from running for elective office apply **only** to administrative or supervisory persons

"They do not prohibit project workers from exercising any of the rights of citizenship. I feel sure that the California Works Progress Administration fully understands these regulations."

Whitney and Ross to Speak At Women Voters' Forum

SAN FRANCISCO. — Anita Whitney and Lawrence Ross, Communist candidates for Congress in the 4th and 5th Districts, respectively, will take part in an election forum of the San Francisco Center of the California League of Women Voters next Tuesday, August 18th, 2:30 p.m., in the Colonial Room of the St. Francis Hotel.

Republican and Democratic candidates, including the respective incumbents, Florence P. Kahn and Richard J. Welch, will also participate in the forum.

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POLICE BREAK UP COMMUNIST STREET MEET

'Red Squad' Reserves 'Free Speech' For Democrats

LOS ANGELES. — When a Communist street meeting draws the crowd from a Democratic meeting held on the same corner at the same time, the Los Angeles police department has ruled that the Communists must defer to the Democrats.

More than 200 persons were present at Breed and Brooklyn Sts. last Saturday night to hear Herbert Elstein, Communist candidate in the 52nd Assembly District. Speaking with him was Joseph Turchinsky, unemployed leader.

Democrat Has Few Listeners

Nearby Wolf Adler, a Democratic candidate, was addressing a handful of listeners.

Four "Red Squad" cars soon appeared and broke up the Communist meeting. Adler's meeting was not molested.

When a Communist delegation protested the action of the "red" squad to a lieutenant at police headquarters, its members were told that the street meeting ordinance had been violated by "blocking traffic." This the Communists denied.

Cops Are Anti-Semitic

Leaders of the delegation charged that they were subjected to anti-semitic ridicule by officers at the police station.

A Communist meeting is scheduled at the same corner next Saturday, 8 p.m. Emma Cutler, Communist candidate for Congress in the 13th district, will speak.

Members of the American Civil Liberties Union and prominent liberal citizens of Boyle Heights will be present as observers.

'Border Blockade' Is Threat In State Again

LOS ANGELES.—A move to stop drouth refugees from the middle west at the California border was exposed in a statement made here by Harold Pomeroy, State Relief Administrator.

"Middle western farm labor, fleeing to California already is competing successfully with our own migratory workers," said Pomeroy.

"By fall," he added, "we will have from 70,000 to 80,000 field hands preparing to return to the dole when seasoned labor ends. Half of these will be transients who have come to California this summer."

There will be 40,000 "indigent eastern workers" to feed and clothe in California by December, he said.

Another "Blockade?"

It was pointed out by unemployed leaders here that Pomeroy's statement is but part of increasing evidence that the rich industrialists and landlords of the state intend to establish another "border blockade" similar to that which resulted in a storm of national protest six months ago.

Chamber of Commerce officials have declared themselves "gravely annoyed with the influx of the propertyless class."

C.P. CANDIDATE SPEAKS TO JOBLESS

By a Worker Correspondent

VACAVILLE. — An enthusiastic crowd greeted three speakers at Spanish Hall here on Friday night, August 7th.

Joe Studevant, organizer for the Workers Alliance, outlined the need for strong organization among the unemployed.

Perry Hill, Communist candidate for Congress in the 3rd District, outlined the Communist position for 1936 and emphasized the immediate need for the building of a People's Front in America, in the form of a Farmer-Labor Party.

Buck Is Speared

Walter Shaffer represented Sheridan Downey, Democrat for Congress in the 3rd District, and delivered a broadside attack against Frank Buck, "reactionary Democrat" incumbent, and the crowd enjoyed it immensely.

"Mother" Bloor To Speak In State; Fill People's Chest Against Reaction

S.F. Worker Is First Shock-Brigader Of People

John Douglas, of San Francisco, achieved the distinction of being the first one in California to turn in a sold-out coupon book in the drive to fill the People's Chest Against Reaction for the 1936 election campaign of the Communist Party.

Douglas turned in the stub from the coupon book, and qualified as a shock-brigader.

He will receive a shock-brigader's certificate and a book, autographed by the Communist presidential candidates, Earl Browder and James W. Ford, from the National Campaign Headquarters of the Party.

Get Coupon Books!

Coupon books may be obtained from the State Campaign Headquarters, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco; or from the Los Angeles County Campaign Headquarters 230½ South Spring St., Los Angeles.

Every worker selling out a $5 coupon book will receive the same recognition and reward that goes to Douglas.

"Our election campaign, which is directed toward building the unity of the working class and the building of a mighty people's front in a Farmer-Labor Party, can only receive financial and moral support from our fellow working men and women," declared Anita Whitney, state chairman of the Communist Party.

"Therefore, we urge workers to take up collections in the shops where they work, among groups of workers everywhere, to our campaign fund, and the among small farmers and agricultural workers, in the trade unions and other people's organizations. We also urge monthly pledges holding of benefit parties, house-gatherings, and picnics."

Acknowledges Donations

The State Campaign Committee called attention to the nationwide "collection day" to be held the latter part of August, in which California will participate.

The committee also acknowledged the following receipts:

Los Angeles County Committee	**$21.58**
Finnish Women's Clubs of Eureka and Fort Bragg	**$15**
Santa Cruz County	**$15**
Sacramento (for Browder broadcast)	**$15**
Sonoma County Committee	**$13**
San Francisco County Committee	**$25.56**
H. B., Redlands	**$2**
Hoan Begreasby San Francisso	**$2**

California quota in the drive for $250.000 to fill the national People's Chest Against Reaction is $20,000, of which $6000 is to be retained by the counties or sections raising the funds for the campaign in their own area and of which $4000 is to be retained by the State Campaign Committee.

Steffens Endorsed Leo Gallagher's Campaign

LOS ANGELES. — Before he died, Lincoln Steffens endorsed the candidacy of Leo Gallagher world renowned labor attorney for the office of Superior Court here against Fascist-minded incumbent, Arthur Crum.

Gallagher had known the world famous journalist for many years, their friendship growing out of Steffens' admiration for the attorney's continuous militant fight in defense of labor's civil rights.

Prizes Letter

Among the Los Angeles friends of Steffens, none felt his passing more keenly than Gallagher who prizes highly the letter received from the journalist on July 2nd, last, as follows:

"You are running for a position where you are needed greatly just now; where there is work for you to do. And you can certainly do it . . . But the people need you and you are the kind of a man who will respond to the hopes and good faith of the people."

"Mother" Bloor



With the background of 50 years in the American labor movement, Ella Reeve Bloor will tour California between September 4th and 13th for the 1936 election campaign of the Communist Party.

Reactionaries Copy Plank Against Vigilantism

LONG BEACH.—"Even conservative candidates for the office of district attorney in Los Angeles County fear the effect of the united vote of labor, liberal and radical groups," declared Grover Johnson, famed attorney for the International Labor Defense, and candidate for district attorney, at a meeting of several hundred people here on August 7th under the auspices of the Workers Alliance of California.

"This is shown," said Johnson, by the fact that practically all the other and reactionary candidates for the office are copying an original plank in my platform, to the effect that if elected I will prosecute all persons implicated in vigilante activities and cause a grand jury investigation of 'third degree' methods employed in the sheriff's office and police departments of Los Angeles County."

Johnson is endorsed in his campaign by the Communist Party, and by many other trade unions, liberal and progressive organizations.

Gallagher On Radio Next Wednesday Over KMPC

LOS ANGELES.—Leo Gallagher, candidate against the reactionary incumbent Arthur Crum for the office of Superior Court office No. 15, will speak over the radio here next Wednesday night, 10:15 to 10:30 p.m., from Station KMPC, Beverly Hills.

Gallagher is endorsed in his campaign by the Communist Party and many other labor and progressive organizations. He will run in the August 25th primaries.

Communist Leader In Election Campaign Tour of Calif.

"Mother" to the labor movement of the United States, beloved for her unstinting and and devoted service in the cause of labor for more than 50 years, Ella Reeve Bloor will tour California between September 4th and 13th on behalf of the Communist presidential ticket of Earl Browder and James W. Ford.

The tour will open Friday, September 4th, in Los Angeles and will close on Sunday, September 13th, in Sacramento.

State Schedule

The schedule of "Mother" Bloor's tour in the state is as follows:

"Friday, September 4th, Los Angeles; Saturday, September 5th, San Diego; Monday, September 7th, San Bernardino; Wednesday, September 9th, Fresno; Thursday, September 10th, Oakland; Friday, September 11th, San Francisco, and Sunday September 13th, Sacramento.

The San Francisco meeting will be held in the Dovre Hall, 3541 Eighteenth Street, between Valencia and Guerrero, at 8 p. m.

Tentative Dates

Tentative dates also provide for meetings in Santa Barbara and Santa Ana, on September 1st, 2nd or 3rd, but final arrangements have not been made. These dates are open on "Mother" Bloor's schedule for her nationwide tour.

James W. Ford, famed Negro leader and Communist candidate for Vice-President, will also speak in California during the month of September.

"Watch Out For The Sewer of Fascism"

SAN FRANCISCO.—Donating $2 to the People's Chest Against Reaction, Hoan Begreasby of San Francisco wrote the following letter:

"Here is my bit toward the election campaign, and may I say right now that if the American working class ever expect to get their feet out of the gutter, they will have to get their heads down out of the clouds and watch out for the sewer of Fascism."

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Arbitration Request Is Maneuver by Shipowners

Waterfront unions must be wary of the trap laid for them by the shipowners in their letter giving notice of desire to amend the 1935 arbitration award.

The unions are certainly not opposed to discussing proposed amendments with the shipowners. But the letter addressed to the seafaring crafts, places on the unions the responsibility for failure to carry out the 1935 award, thus attempting to create the impression in the minds of the public that the unions are an irresponsible lot, and thereby win public support and sympathy.

The opposite of this is true. Any actions taken by maritime workers, on the docks or ships, have been taken to force the shipowners to stop chiselling on the awards and agreements!

This letter, like the one addressed to the longshoremen, also requests that unless all negotiations for modifications of the award result in an agreement satisfactory to both sides by September 1st, the unions shall agree to submit all disputed points to arbitration by an "impartial" board.

Obviously, the waterfront unions cannot at this time state that they are prepared to submit all disputed points to arbitration. The union men are determined to win certain burning minimum demands which will make life on board the ships less of a Hell of exploitation. To agree at this time to submit these essential demands to arbitration would in effect be a surrender of these demands to the shipowners.

Whether or not arbitration should be resorted to at all on some of the issues, depends entirely on how far the shipowners are prepared to go to accede to the workers' most vital demands.

Between now and September 30th—and later as well—what is needed most is vigilance to preserve that unity among all maritime unions, which alone can force the shipowners to grant major concessions to the waterfront workers.

Steps should be taken at once, also, to present to the entire Pacific Coast labor movement, and the public generally, the true facts concerning the demands by the unions' amendments to the awards.

The demands made by the unions are just. The responsibility for the "uninterrupted service," which the shipowners appear so anxious about, rests with the shipowners themselves!

Steffens Loss Felt By All Lovers of Liberty

Lincoln Steffens' death removes from the firing line one of the staunchest and most fearless fighters for the rights of the working class, for the emancipation of all toilers.

The extent of his influence cannot be measured. Large numbers of young people owe their awakening to class consciousness to Steffens' brilliant pen. His loss will be felt not alone in California, nor in the United States only; his work is known and loved by countless numbers in other lands.

Leaders of labor, champions of freedom, fighters for civil liberties; imprisoned victims of the class struggle—all express their sorrow at the loss of a stalwart comrade.

Even the capitalist press, which in California has often attacked Steffens directly and indirectly for his staunch support of the Soviet Union and his open championing of the program of the Communist Party—even capitalist journalists grudgingly note in the death of Steffens the loss of a great personality. But even in death the capitalist press still shoots its poisoned darts at Steffens for his revolutionary principles.

Steffens, says the San Francisco Chronicle, "flung all sorts of startling ideas at people just to see how they would react. The latest of these was Communism."

But, happily, these weak, spiteful thrusts cannot in any way undo the work Steffens has done. The fruits of his labor will survive capitalist editorial and capitalist editorial writers.

We bow our heads in memory of a tried friend and trusted comrade.

Progressive Labor Takes Step Forward

The first national convention of the Labor Non-Partisan Leagues definitely pointed the steps of progressive labor onto the road of independent working class political action in the form of a Farmer-Labor Party.

While the Communist Party cannot agree with the position of the League's in supporting Roosevelt, we hail as a forward step the decision to retain the organization after the November elections, and form it into the nucleus of labor's "permanent opposition" to the major capitalist political parties. Berry of the Printing Pressmen declared that preparations must be made by all progressives for a party realignment "not to take the crumbs from the table, but to prepare for the feast."

It was in a large degree the pressure brought by John Lewis and the C.I.O. unions that forced the Democratic Party to make further concessions to labor in its recently adopted platform.

The decision, therefore, to carry on after the elections, means the organization of pressure which will be brought to bear upon Roosevelt, if re-elected, to fulfill his promises. That such pressure will be brought to bear upon any administration is seen by the statement of Hillman, of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, that "we propose, after this election, to demand legislation outlawing sweatshops and requiring decent wages."

L.A. Times Would Crush Labor by New "Court"

For the most reactionary proposal of the month, first prize goes to Harry Chandler's Los Angeles Times. The proposal is made in that sheet, to do two things: first, to pass legislation which would make it necessary for trade unions to incorporate legally. Second: to establish a "court of labor relations" whose purpose would be to outlaw strikes.

". . . an organized strike to enforce demands, which may or may not be just, should be made impossible by law. . ." says the Times.

It is interesting to note the complete accordance of the writer of this anti-labor proposal with the policies of the Republican party as contained in its platform. "Also," the Times declares, "the right of employees *not* to organize likewise must be recognized."

If these proposals were put into effect, the result would be a long step toward realization of a complete fascist dictatorship in this country. Secretaries of State could with no trouble find many technical reasons to refuse articles of incorporation to trade unions whose policy is one of fighting for the interests of its members. Any militant trade union, refused such articles of incorporation, becomes automatically an "illegal" body with no right to existence, and one against which all the capitalist laws and military could "legally" be used.

A "court of labor relations" such as the one proposed would turn trade unions into "harmless" discussion groups.

No doubt Landon, Hearst, Morgan and Harry Chandler approve. But organized labor still has a voice. And if any attempt is made to crush the labor movement in this way, labor will answer with strike action!

LABOR WANTS ITS SHARE OF THIS

NET PROFITS and LOSSES*

CORPORATION GROUPS	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	First quarter of -- 1933	1934	1935	1936
Total . . .	452	$103,800,000	$146,200,000	$151,100,000	$246,500,000
Automobiles	10	1,500,000	29,200,000	38,300,000	66,000,000
Automobile parts	26	5,300,000	8,000,000	14,100,000	13,800,000
Building supplies	8	3,300,000	600,000	100,000	1,100,000
Chemicals and drugs	19	11,200,000	24,800,000	25,100,000	33,200,000
Clothing and textiles	6	200,000	900,000	600,000	400,000
Electrical equipment	6	2,600,000	3,800,000	9,400,000	12,600,000
Food products	32	17,700,000	25,500,000	20,000,000	23,400,000
Household equipment	10	1,600,000	700,000	1,300,000	2,400,000
Machinery and tools	15	3,100,000	900,000	2,300,000	5,000,000
Metals and mining	21	1,700,000	10,800,000	9,800,000	15,000,000
Office equipment	5	1,100,000	2,800,000	3,000,000	3,400,000
Oil	19	26,200,000	8,100,000	8,300,000	18,300,000
Paper and paper products . .	6	100,000	400,000	600,000	700,000
Printing and publishing . . .	5	900,000	1,500,000	2,400,000	2,600,000
Public utilities**	54	44,600,000	45,900,000	44,700,000	51,000,000
Railroads, class I	144	94,900,000	14,300,000	43,400,000	27,900,000
Railroad equipment	8	2,800,000	1,000,000	200,000	1,800,000
Steel	17	35,100,000	9,200,000	3,500,000	8,300,000
Tobacco	6	100,000	500,000	500,000	600,000
Miscellaneous	35	2,400,000	8,300,000	10,300,000	14,800,000

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* Losses in italic type. ** Exclusive of telephone companies.

A PAGE from the U.S. Dept. of Labor records, showing the high profit totals rung up in the first quarter of 1936, as compared to previous years. It seems the more the big manufacturers make, the more they want to cut down wages and working conditions.

Communist And Socialist Unity Is Asked In South

(Speech of Harold J. Ashe at the huge mass meeeting for Earl Browder, candidate for President, at Olympic stadium, Los Angeles, on Sunday, August 9th.

Comrades:

On behalf of the Downtown and Goodyear Sections of the Communist Party, I extend revolutionary greetings to our leader, Comrade Browder.

Today, if one were to search the whole state of California it is doubtful if one could find a greater concentration of mass misery and degradation of humanity than in the 14th Congressional District in which I am running. The only exception would be the plight of the agricultural workers in the argricultural fields of California.

Tens of thousands of workers are crowded into miserable, so-called apartments, flop houses and private residences that long since should have been condemned. While on the one hand, thousands of modern dwellings remain empty, on the other hand two and three families are doubled up into single apartments.

They're Called "Hotels"

Lower Main Street is crowded to overflowing with single men sleeping in loft buildings, dignified by the term "Hotel." In the Central Avenue area Negroes are crowded into unsanitary shacks on which exhorbitant rents are collected.

Small home owners, in the clutches of usurious mortgage companies, are groaning under insufferable tax burdens, which this year, will be even greater than ever, thanks to huge appropriations made by the County Board of Supervisors to the Fascist-minded Chamber of Commerce.

Negroes in the Central Avenue area, which is a part of the 14th district, are discriminated against on every hand. Relief is lower for them: unemployed Negro workers are given only the lowest and most menial W.P.A. jobs. They are segregated into one area with veiled threats of lynch action.

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Stalking like a grim reaper is hunger and want, misery and degradation. Children are denied free milk and lunches; playgrounds are forbidden to Negroes except Jim-Crow playgrounds.

Peaceful meetings of workers, held in free speech zones, are broken up at the instance of Red Hynes and his legalized gang of Fascist hooligans, while uniformed officers hold speakers and Fascist youth are invited by the police to slug the workers.

This is what is taking place right now in the 14th district.

These things call for action, quick action, decisive action by all liberal and radical forces. It calls for a unity such as we have not yet attained.

"Only by Unity"

Looking at our Spanish brothers in Spain: Socialists, Communists and liberals, we must recognize that here is a lesson we must learn and learn well. We must learn that only by unity is it possible to beat back the attacks of reactionaries and Fascists; only by joint action in struggle can we assure the workers a continuance of those democratic rights they now have, and gain an extension of those rights. Only in this way may we improve the living conditions of the masses.

For that reason: for the condition of the people demand such joint action, I call particularly upon Socialists to join hands with the Communists in an invincible solidarity that shall at once serve as a lasting inspiration for all anti-Fascist, pro-labor forces in California.

I plead with the Socialist Party to put aside our programmatic differences at least to the extent that we can attain unity on those things on which we already agree, those immediate, burning problems of the mass of the suffering people. We are agreed that we must preserve our democratic rights and extend them; we are agreed that we must opose War and Fascism; we are agreed that the right of labor to organize, strike and picket must be guarded; we are agreed that union wages should be paid on all W.P.A. projects.

Give New Leadership

Alright, then. Let us cease to be split on the theoretical differences; let us unite on the practical, immediate needs of the masses on which we agree. By so doing, let us give a new and greater leadership to the oppressed of America and of California.

Let us borrow a page from the French book of experiences. Let us weld here in America, here in California an invincible People's Popular Front—an overwhelmingly strong Farmer-Labor Party.

In the name of the Communist Party, in the name of a too-long suffering humanity I plead, let us unite in struggle.

Unity Needed in 14th

In the 14th district I appeal to the Socialist Party to meet with a committee of the Communist Party to see how we may carry on a joint election campaign. Now, both Comrade Trimble of the Socialist Party and I are running for the same Congressional office. This means the left-wing and breakaway vote will be split. This must not be permitted.

We must present a united front to Thomas "Big-Navy" Ford, the incumbent. I urge that some method be worked out by which one or other of us withdraws and that the undivided support of both Socialist and Communist voters be placed behind the remaining candidate. That the same be done in the 52nd and 67th assembly districts where a similar splitting situation exists.

It is not yet too late. With such unity we can weld a mighty weapon that will make us invincible in the struggles ahead of us. Forward to a Farmer-Labor Party! Onward to Socialism Victorious in America.

SHIP UNIT DISCUSSES THE MEANING OF COPELAND ACT

By a Seaman

Our ship unit, after thoroughly discussing the question, have decided to write concerning a matter that we feel is of great importance to our Party and the maritime workers as a whole.

Since the Copeland bill **has** been passed, there has been a great amount of talk among the crew as to how this bill will effect us and whether it is in our interest or not. We all have a general idea what the phoney angles are, but as yet the fellows, including ourselves, do not have a clear precise picture just how the bill will work.

A War Preparation Bill

The gang also pretty well understands that the war makers are going to use the bill to whip the maritime workers into line so that they will have no trouble with us in the war that they are trying so hard to start.

We Communists on board, as well as some non-Party workers, know that the Party is the only group capable of making a real analysis of the bill itself; connect it up with the growing menace of Fascism and war and show the necessity of seamen supoprting the Farmer-Labor Party movement, so just such vicious bills as the Copeland Bill can be smashed before they even get started in the future.

Ask for Statement

In view of all this, we wish to go on record as asking our Party, through the Western Worker to issue immediately a printed statement, in the name of the Party, dealing with the Copeland Bill and most important of all setting forth concretely and practically ways that we seamen can best stop the bill from going into effect.

If this is done we know that thousands of seamen will see that our Party is the only Party that gives real working class leadership and that it has no other interest other than the interest of the seamen themselves.

Inclosed you will find $3 which has been collected from non-Party workers, as well as our comrades, to help defray the expenses of printing the statement. We call on other ship units, fractions and longshore units also to send in contributions with which to help in the issuing of material against this vicious Hearst inspired bill.

With most comradely greeting,

Acting Unit Organizer.

(NOTE.—A statement on the Copeland Act is being prepared by the California State Committee of the Communist Party and will be printed in the WESTERN WORKER soon.)

AS WE SEE IT

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,
California State Secretary, Communist Party, U. S. A.

A Washington dispatch by a political commentator on the Spanish situation has the following to say: "Personal sympathies of the diplomatic crowd around the State Department seem to be generally with the Spanish revolutionists.

The suggestion will be resented officially, of course, for obvious diplomatic reasons, but this will not alter the noticeable fact that the diplomatic set is privately on the side of the outs for the first time in many a revolution.

It is not a question of conservatism versus radicalism, as much as the notion that the rebels are considered 'our kind of people!'"

KINDRED SPIRITS

That phrase "our kind of people" explains what appears to be a contradiction, that the Foreign Office of most of the capitalist powers sympathize with "revolutionists."

The capitalist class which always talks about law and order, which accuses the Communists of fomenting revolution, drops the mask of its own legality and frankly and openly sides wih a revolt against a government which was elected by a popular majority, because the "revolutionists" are fascists and monarchists, "our kind of people."

It brings sharply home the fact that even in countries where bourgeois democracy is still existent, including our own, there are reactionary forces which are kindred spirits of the Hitlers and Mussolinis and the Spanish fascists; these forces not only sympathize strongly with Fascism in Europe, and would like to see American foreign policy support it, but are driving toward establishring a fascist regime in America as well.

REVEALING THEIR HATRED

The way the capitalist press deals with the Spanish fascist uprising reveals the hate that the capitalist class has toward the struggle of the Spanish workers and peasants and toward the Peoples Front, and the fear that the struggle to defend democracy against fascism may not end there, but will pave the way for the eventual overthrow of capitalism,

The struggle in Spain has of course not reached that stage, but the fear of the ruling-class looks into the future.

Hence, the defenders of the present Leftist government, which has the support of the Peoples Front, are treated in the capitalist newspapers in the same hostile fashion as every genuine peoples revolution is treated, while the fascist gangs who have precipitated a bloody civil war are treated with touching gentleness

The same old horror stories and atrocity yarns which were trotted out against Bolsheviks in the Russian Revolution have now been dusted and brushed off, and polished up for public consumption in handling the Spanish civil war.

HEARST SETS THE PACE

Hearst sets the pace, and the other newspapers try their best to compete with him. Supposed "eyewitness" accounts of mass murder of priests and nuns, destruction of churches, rape of women, killing of children, are printed daily in an attempt to hide the criminal responsibility of the fascists for the bloodshed, and to stem the tide of worldwide sympathy for the embattled Spanish workers and peasants who are fighting for their lives and liberties.

To those who remember revolutionary upheavals against oppression, from 1917 on, these horror stories have a familiar ring; Hearst has them all on file, and brings them out of stock when occasion demands, puts a new date line on them, and publishes them as "eyewitness" accounts. He has even been caught using the same faked photographs when it suits his purpose.

To the workers and farmers of America, to all lovers of liberty and opponents of fascism, it is clear that as the Spanish fascists are "our kind of people" to the Hearsts, so are the heroic Spanish workers who are fighting on the side of the Peoples Front to defend democracy "our kind of people" to the vast majority of Americans.

As the fascists of Germany and Italy and other countries hasten to the aid of their fellow-criminals in Spain, so must the working-class of America come to the aid of the Spanish People's Front. Their fight is our fight.

BLACK LEGION MAN

DETROIT.—Charles McCutcheon, Detroit city bacteriologist, who was implicated in the Black Legion typhoid poison plot, has been dropped from the city payroll.

TOLEDO GAS UNION WINS

TOLEDO.—Workers in Toledo's two gas companies forced cancellation of layoffs running as high as 30 per cent. Negotiations on wages are continuing with the A.F. of L. Gas Workers Union.

EMMA CUTLER EXPOSES ANTI-LABOR KRAMER

Candidate Popular With Voters In 13th Dist.

LOS ANGELES.—One of the most talked-of candidates in and around Los Angeles is Emma Cutler, Communist candidate for Congress in the 13th district.

First and foremost, she has gained the admiration of the voters for her tireless offensive in the fight against her reactionary opponent—the Hearst-supported Charles Kramer.

Learned Truth About Kramer

Through her the voters of the 13th district have learned the true anti-working class nature of Congressman Kramer. Acquainting the people with his record in Washington and elsewhere is her first task.

The people learned that Kramer sponsored the Russell-Kramer Bill, which would establish a national super Criminal-Syndicalism act, crushing all pretense to democratic rights of the people.

The voters also learned that Kramer demanded an investigation of "reds" at Harvard University and other colleges in the United States.

Exposing the strings which tie him to Hearst, Kramer has persistently advocated a national sales tax, placing the burden of governmental costs upon the already overburdened poor.

From Workers' Ranks

The Communist candidate for Congress comes from working class stock.

Her father is an iron worker, her mother a dressmaker. She is a graduate of Roosevelt High School in Los Angeles and has been a member of the Communist Party for six years. She is 27 years of age.

For five years Miss Cutler was active in the International Labor Defense fighting for the civil rights of workers.

Defeated Reactionaries

Arrested in 1929 in the celebrated "red flag" case, she was sentenced to five years in prison. This was later reversed by the supreme court and the case was finally dismissed.

In 1930 she defended the workers in the Imperial Valley melon strike. She was, arrested there on "suspicion of Criminal Syndicalism." Later released, she continued her work in the valley.

She opened headquarters for the International Labor Defense in the Valley and began to recruit members. At this time the I.L.D. came to the defense of the eight Criminal Syndicalism victims who had been sent to state prisons on sentences of 42 years. Due to the efforts of the I.L.D., the sentences were reduced to two years.

In Cotton Strike

In 1933 Candidate Cutler became organizer for the I.L.D. in the great cotton strike in the San Joaquin Valley. Here the I.L.D., under her leadership, successfully defended some 200 workers who were arrested during that strike.

Returning to the Imperial Valley in 1934 as a representative of the I.L.D. to investigate the arrest of 400 workers during the lettuce strike, she was arrested, charged with "vagrancy," and served six months in the El Centro jail.

During the past seven months she has been secretary of the Los Angeles Workers' School.

In her fight against Kramer she has relentlessly exposed him as an advocate of Fascism and war. She has brought to light his large interest in the Zukin dress shop here, a scab shop notorious for its cruel exploitation of workers, until it was forced to sign a union agreement several weeks ago.

"For a Free, Happy and Prosperous America!" Vote Communist!

ANTI-FASCIST FRONT FORMED BY JAPANESE

Workers' News From Far Eastern Front

OKAYAMA, Japan.—In the rapidly developing People's Front in this district, Okayama workers have decided, through their anti-Facist united front, to organize a branch of the Shakai Taishuto (Social Mass Party) following success in the Diet and prefectural elections.

The following slogans have been adopted:

Overthrow of the reactionary Hirota cabinet; against mass taxation; smash Fascism; establish anti-Fascist People's Front, renovation of Okayama municipal politics; furthering of the cause of local universal suffrage system; stabilization of the living of the toiling people.

Volunteers Capture Forts

HARBIN, China.—Three hundred anti-Japanese volunteers in Manchuria, under command of Chao Shang-tze, occupied 13 forts of the "Manchukuo" troops in Monlan district in North Manchuria in a series of battle started on July 18th, according to a belated report received here.

The volunteers obtained six machine guns left behind by the Manchukuo troops in their flight and large quantities of other ammunition and foodstuffs.

American Is Chinese Hero

SHANGHAI, China.—In memory of Captain Robert Short, American aviator killed in action in defense of Shanghai against the Japanese invaders in 1932, the following poem was read at his tomb by four representatives of the Shanghai Federation of the National Liberation Association:

Our noble captain!
No man is nobler.
Warm was your love,
Dissolving the barriers of nations.
Your fatherland the world,
The blue sky your dominion

There are airmen who serve
The powerful aggressors,
Winged death to the lowly.
You fought for the oppressed
Against imperialist aspirations.

Who dares to fight
Turns defeat to victory;
Who fears to resist,
The enemy vanquishes.

The China you died for
Is in the hands of the enemy,
But the masses are rising
To liberate the nation.

Let us storm Nankow Pass,
Recover our lost lands.
A new China we will build
In the spirit of your sacrifice.
In this new China you will live
And your memory will be
With our people.

PEIPING, China.—The people of Yutien stage a gigantic revolt on July 24th. They are attacking the Yutien city, protesting against the bogus East Hopei regime set up with the aid of Japanese Army officers.

Yin Ju-eng, Japan's puppet head of the East Hopei so-called government, has sent the "Peace Preservation Corps" stationed at Chenghua in an attempt to suppress the revolt.

SHANGHAI.—Under the leadership of the Communist Party, local Chinese organizations have intensified their anti-Japanese activities.

Anti-Japanese leaflets, such as "declare war with Japan" and "down with the Japanese imperialists," were found posted in areas around the Japanese consulate.

Workers Fired For Joining Union

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN JOSE.—As a result of their militant action during the pear-packers strike here a few weeks ago, six workers were fired off their jobs for union activity.

One of the large pear sheds let them go after five years of faithful work. The excuse was "bad packing." Funny the boss discovers after five years these workers can no longer pack!

The workers fired had decided they wanted to join a union. The case has been turned over to the labor relations Board for a settlement.

All workers go up to the Labor Council in San Jose between 10 and 3 and sign up. Get organized and then watch the pear growers pay decent wages!

THE TERM IS WAR "GAMES"



BUT WAR "GAMES" threaten to be in earnest, with the loss of millions of workers' lives as Hitler, Mussolini and imperialistic Japan edge ever closer to war for a re-division of the world's markets. Picture above shows the Fascist army communication corps erecting a radio, as Mussolini massed 500,000 troops in "games."

Fascist Exiled

'GOLD SHIRTS' HEAD EXPELLED BY MEXICAN GOVERNMENT

MEXICO CITY.—Learning a lesson from the class warfare in Spain, the Mexican government last Tuesday expelled the head of the Mexican "Gold Shirts," Fascist terrorist organization, from Mexico.

General Nicolas Rodriguez was arrested the night before, held incommunicado until the morning, and then put aboard an airplane bound for the United States.

The "Gold Shirts" were formally dissolved as an organization by the government in the Federal District and in the state of Nuevo Leon last week.

The dissolution of the Fascist semi-military organization, and the expulsion of its leader, directly followed Fascist attacks on workers in Monterey late last month in which two persons were killed and the announcement by Rodriguez that he and his "Gold Shirts" would march on Mexico City "25,000 strong."

The "Gold Shirts" (Camisas Doradas) were formed by Rodriguez several years ago "to oppose Communism, Jews and foreigners," and were known to have been financed by United States imperialists. Official name of the organization was Accion Revolucionaria Mexicana, or Mexican Revolutionary Action.

Last April 10th two other and even more important, Fascists were likewise exiled from Mexico—Plutarco Elias Calles, ex-dictator, and Luis Morones, scout artist in the labor movement at one time. Both Calles and Morones have been trying to stir up counter-revolutionary action against the Cardenas government since their exile in the United States.

LEGION SPYING ON TEACHERS

By a Teacher

REDWOOD CITY—The American Legion leaders are carrying on persecution and ceaseless spying against school teachers, not to mention that trick word "Americanism."

Teachers are being quietly ousted from schools and evidently are going to continue to be. It is treason for a teacher to call the pupils' attention to existing conditions as they are going to affect their future or to in any way suggest he is not being treated with every consideration by his government if he is herded into a conservation camp.

It would seem that the pupils themselves, in the high schools at least, could bring a lot of pressure to bear to stop this crucifying of teachers if they were thoroughly familiar with facts, this course being likewise one that might be very effective in colleges.

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SOVIET UNION GIVES WAR WARNING

MOSCOW.—Warnings of a new conflict which, should the Fascist and imperialist countries precipitate, would unloose revolutionary forces among their own people, were printed in the Soviet Union press on the 22nd anniversary of the outbreak of the World War, August 1st.

"A repetition of imperialist slaughter on a world scale promises to the Old World of exploiters just one thing—inevitable death," said Pravda editorially.

Karl Radek, famed Soviet commentator, wrote:

"The imperialists may be able to begin their game without interference from the masses, but they will set in motion forces that will be the revolutionary answer to the terrible crime of war.

"The Soviet Union can meet the dangers better than any other power in the world because it knows that the dangers that are being prepared by Fascism will draw to her the best of humanity.

"She will support all people struggling for peace, and in case of war will join forces with any who are attacked by Fascism in order to deal it a death blow and open the road for true peace among nations."

Chief War Makers

Nazi Germany and imperialist Japan were named as the chief dangers to peace.

Radek outlined Nazi diplomacy as striving to creat alliances with Poland, Austria, Hungary and Bulgaria, while trying to undermine the French system of alliances and isolate France and the Soviet Union. At the same time, Germany is seeking an alliance with Italy, and hopes to obtain Great Britian's neutrality in the first phases.

ACLU Aids Victims Of Wall Street In Puerto Rico

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico.—The American Civil Liberties Union will aid Jose Albizu Campos and the seven other Nationalists convicted of "sedition," according to a cable received here by Congressman Vito Marcantonia from Roger Baldwin, president of the Union.

Marcantonio is returning to New York with the trial record and other documents necessary to prepare an appeal to the Boston Circuit Court of Appeals. The application for bail to release the eight victims of Wall Street imperialism, will be made, despite its recent denial here.

Popular subscription for the Nationalists' defense, started after their trial, has risen to more than $10,000.

FINNISH WOMEN AID CAMPAIGN

The Finnish Women's Club of Eureka has just mailed in $15 for the People's Chest Against Reaction, the fighting fund to carry on the Communist Party election campaign throughout the nation via radio, newspapers, leaflets, advertising, etc.

Help build the People's Chest! Send donations to State Campaign Committee, 121 Haight st., San Francisco. See bottom of Page 3 for donation blank.

INDIA TRADES UNIONS MOVES TOWARD UNITY

Plan To Work With India National Congress

BOMBAY, India.—A step forward unity of the working class was marked here at the 15th session of the All-India Trades Union Congress, recently concluded here.

The Congress expressed its unqualified preparedness to accommodate demands of the National the demands ofthe National Trade Union Federation on all such issues as would not hamper the growth and struggle of the workers and accepted compromise proposals for a merger as a basis of unity.

To Heal Breech

It is reported that the executive committee of the Federation has accepted the unity resolution of the T.U.C. and will soon convene a general council meeting to ratify it, which would heal a breech that occurred in the Indian trade union movement six years ago.

The Trade Union Congress also worked out a plan to cooperate with the Indian National Congress on the following basis:

1. To agitate against the new Constitution. 2. To oppose imperialist wars. 3. To defend the Soviet Union. 4. To defend civil liberties. 5. To safeguard and advance working class interests.

The Congress also expressed in a resolution the desire to carry on an electoral campaign with the Congress Party, provided the latter agreed to such demands as setting up labor candidates in predominantly labor areas and other economic demands.

Need for Unity

The Congress emphasized the need for structural unity in the trade union movement, the mobilization and preparation of workers for direct struggle on the basis of their vital political and economic demands, such as restoration of wage-cuts, unemployment benefits, stoppage of rationalization, 8-hour day, minimum wage, recognition of trade unions, right to strike and to picket, etc.

The importance o fthe peasants' struggles and the need for proper coordination between the peasantry and the workers, was also pointed out.

Mussolini Agents Of War In Spain

PARIS. — Military envoys from Mussolini have reached Burgos, Spain, northwestern Fascist center, to confer with the Spanish Fascist generals, it was reported by the Spanish correspondent of the Paris Figaro.

The report aroused public opinion to new heights against the war maneuvers of Europe's Fascist dictators.

Twenty-one more Italian airplanes have arrived in Fascist-held Spanish Morocco from the Italian airport of Orbetello, but Rome officials refused even to discuss the news, saying it was "within the military secrets law."

Nazis Aid Fascists

A heavily armed Junkers "type 52" plane, with a crew of three Germans and one Spaniard, has been captured at Azuaga, 60 miles north of Seville. Apparently under the impression the city was in Fascist hands, the pilot landed at Madrid airport and then left for Fascist-held Seville after a brief talk with an official of the German Lufthansa line.

The Madrid government has seized three other Junkers planes at the Madrid airport, and the Lufthansa air service is suspended.

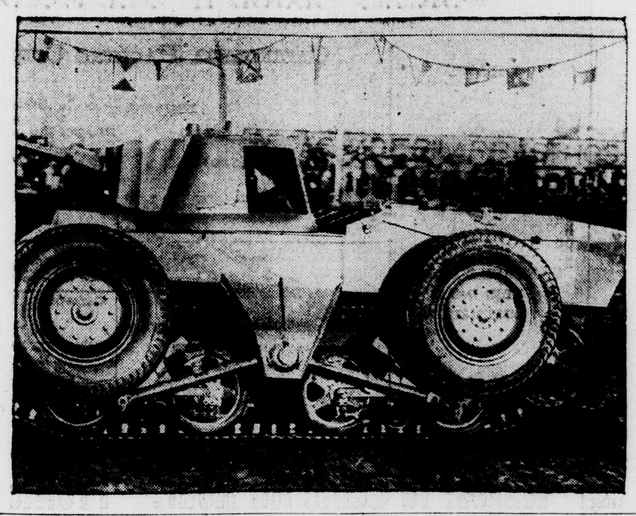
Active support of Fascists at Gantander, on the northwestern coast of Spain, by the Nazi consul there, has led to the demand by the government that he be recalled at once by the German government.

Poland May Demand Colonies With Nazi Claims

WARSAW. — Claiming surplus population, Poland may demand colonies to give her an outlet for the over-population in Africa and South America when German colonial claims are discussed.

In Polish Political Information, organ of the foreign office, the population problem is brought up, saying that Poland cannot absorb in industry or agriculture a population growing at the rate of 40,00 a year.

SCIENTIFIC MURDER MACHINE



"HELL ON WHEELS" is this ultra - modern army tank, running on rubber tires or caterpillar treads, with a high powered gun. War men say it makes murder practicaly scientific. With war clouds thickening, the grave danger exists that such machines as this will be used for their designed and deadly purpose, instead of being confined to parades and maneuvers.

LA PASIONARIA IN RADIO TALK

Spain's Women Look To Communist As Leader

MADRID.—"The final quenching of Fascism in Spain is a death blow to the forces of Fascism throughout the world," said Dolores Ibarburi, Communist Party deputy in the Spanish parliament and beloved by the Spanish workers as "La Pasionaria," in a radio broadcast.

"The Communist Party is conscious of its responsibility before the world," she said. "The Fascists are the vandals. They destroy villages and artistic monuments.

"We Communists and Socialists, the republic's loyal forces, respect life and property and religious orders. We represent order, peace and democracy."

Leads Women

La Pasionaia has led the Spanish women in their fight against the Fascist barbarians, shouldering a gun herself to defend the People's Front and the left-wing government. It is estimated that Spain's working women have constituted 10 percent of the armed forces defending the government in the last few weeks.

To millions of working women and peasant women throughout Spain, La Pasionaria is their leader in the fight for women's rights, and against the Fascist armies.

Paris Workers Aid Spanish People

PARIS—(By Cable).—More than 100,000 supporters of the People's Front rallied to a giant peace demonstration at St. Cloud, on the outskirts of Paris, last Sunday.

Thunderous cheering and shouts of "Support the Spanish People" and "Airplanes for Spain" greeted Socialist Premier Leon Blum, prominent Communist Party leader Jacques Duclos, Trades Union General Secretary Leon Jouhaux, and British Laborite Arthur Henderson who addressed the meeting.

Socialist Warns

Socialist Deputy Salmono Grumbach, vice-president of the Foreign Affairs Commission of the Chamber of Deputies, declared:

"The attack of Fascist generals and monarchist reactionaries on the heroic Republican people of Spain will lead Europe to an abyss, if a coalition of forces of peace does not succeed in repelling the wave of violence."

Aid Spanish People

At a recent tremendous meeting at the Sports Palace in Paris active support for the Spanish government, demanded by delegates of the World Committee Against War and Fascism, was unanimously supported.

Factory workers in the Paris area answered the call for help for the Spanish people, by the collection of funds. Within a few hours, the workers at the Gnome and Rhone aircraft factory raised 25,500 francs, to buy airplanes for the Spanish government.

S. U. Opposes League's Weakening

LONDON.—The Soviet Union will oppose any weakening of the League of Nations Covenant, when the League attempts to reform it next month, stated I. M. Maisky, Soviet ambassador, in a speech made recently at Oxford.

"The general structure of the League does not require any fundamental changes," he said. "The League has not been given a fair or conclusive trial because all the measures taken by it during the Ethiopian war were only half measures."

L.A. Workers Donate To Spain C.P.

LOS ANGELES. — Demonstrating their international solidarity with the heroic workers and peasants fighting against the Spanish Fascists, eight anti-Fascist workers of Los Angeles have contributed $25 to the Communist Party of Spain.

The workers contributing the money were Haines, Anonymous, Fritz, Schrier, Scotty, Teddy and Lopez.

DECK DELEGATE EXPOSES LIES OF FASCISTS

NEW YORK.—Fascist lies of "atrocities" and "disorders" in cities held by the Spanish workers were blown sky-high by Deck Delegate James Jackson, of the S.S. Exmouth. here.

Eye-witness of the attempt by the Fascists to seize Malaga, where the S.S. Exmouth entered port on July 18th, Jackson stated:

Perfect Order

"Workers and soldiers, guarding the streets in well-organized patrols, maintain perfect order in the port of Malaga.

"As we came alongside, we saw the offices of the Hamburg-American line in flames. The Fascists had used the building as headquarters. As we came in workers captured the place.

"Workers, men and women, armed with machine guns, were clearing the town of Fascist snipers and shooting went on for 24 hous. The crew of a Spanish gunboat lying off the coast, took command of their ship placing the captain and chief officer under arrest.

U. S. Papers Lie

"Stories have appeared in American papers about bombs being dropped on the Exmouth. The truth is that the captain attempted to get the ship through the Straits of Gibraltar without flying the flag, hoping to avoid trouble.

"A government plane, watching for Fascist troop ships from Morocco, spotted us and dropped warning bombs ahead of us. When the American flag was hoisted, we had no further trouble."

25 Men Risk Live As Wreckers

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO.—About 25 men are risking their lives every day at the Argonaut Hotel on Fourth street here. They are wrecking the hotel in preparation for the Santa Fe central station to be erected there.

Men are working six storeys above the street, pulling bricks out, one by one, without a single bit of protection in case they should fall.

Not Organized.

The men are non-union. The firm in charge is the California Wrecking Company, a Los Angeles outfit. Officials of the company, when approached by representatives of the Hod Carriers Union here refused point blank to deal with the organization.

The union delegate brought the matter up at a recent meeting of the Central Labor Council where it was referred to the Executive Committee. Meanwhile, the union has asked that the California Wrecking Company be placed on the Unfair List by the San Francisco Central Labor Council.

UNITY IN AUTO UNIONS

TOLEDO.—A step toward unity of auto unions was seen in the Mechanics Educational Society and the A. F.L. union holding joint meetings to work out plans for new contracts with the Spicer Mfg. Company.

ATROCITIES BY THE FASCISTS

Barbarism In Spain Exceeds Terror Of Hitler

(By Cable from Mundo Obrero, Central Organ ofthe Spanish Communist Party.)

MADRID.—Reports of atrocities committed by anti-Fascists are utterly without foundation. On the contrary, the barbarism of the Fascists excee ds that of Hitler and Mussolini.

In Valladolid, Fascists shot 500 Communists in cold blood. In Morrocco, scores of labor leaders and left Republicans were executed in front of their wives and children.

Union Leaders Butchered

In Seville, when the Trade Union League called a general strike against Fascist generals, all were executed and the daughter of one labor leader was raped before his eyes. The entire working-class section of Seville was roped off, and gasoline was poured on the houses and hundreds of workers burned alive.

In Tetuan, General Franco has just imposed a fine of 900,000 pesetas on the Jewish population under penalty of death if refused.

The Fascists boast over the radio that they kill hundreds of "Marxists" daily.

Worst Modern Atrocities

Fascist atrocities on the battle front surpass all others of modern times. We have seen shell holes on clearly marked hospitals, and Red Cross ambulances, which had to be camouflaged to prevent drawing direct artillery fire.

A Republican aviator deliberately withheld firing on a Fascist plane which attacked him directly above a hospital, risking his life until he lured the Fascist away from the hospital. He brought the Fascist plane down.

Stories of the burning of churches are greatly exaggerated. We searched Madrid thoroughly after the start of the Fascist attempted "coup," and found only four churches burning. These had been used by priests and Fascists to fire on passers-by in the streets. Churches are now being ued as hospitals.

DEMONSTRATION AGAINST NAZI OLYMPICS

LIMA, Peru. — Demonstrating against treatment accorded the Peruvian Olympic soccer team in Berlin, the Peruvian people here tore down the Olympic flag from its mast atop the O.E. Stern Company, a German concern whose proprietor represents the Nazi Olympic Committee.

Port workers in Callao refused to load or unload German ships in protest.

The Peruvian soccer team had been disqualified on the technical grounds that spectators had wandered on the field during the 4-1 victory won by the Peruvians over the Austrian team.

President Oscar Benavides backed up the team's refusal to play Austria again, as ordered at the Olympics, and told the entire Peru delegation to proceed home immediately.

Nazis Fear People's Front Victory As Example At Home

BERLIN. — Comment among newspaper cvorrespondents here as to Nazi Germany's stand in the attempted "putsch" by Spain's Fascists, is that one of the basic reasons determining Hitler's position of support toward the Spanish Fascists, is the belief by the big industrialists and financiers that a People's Front victory would "portend a general popular rising against authority" in Germany.

FASCIST PLOT HAS FAILED-- EYE WITNESS

Working Class Girls Fight In Spain Front Ranks

By Pierre Van Paassen
(Federated Press)

(By Airplane To Paris)

MADRID. — Fascism masquerading as the champion of law and order has plunged the land of Spain into bloodshed and chaos. But Fascism is getting paid back in its own medicine. The plot has failed.

Workers Like Lions

Although the Fascists had the majority of the army on their side, they were beaten back by the armed workers who fought with the desperation of lions. I spent 14 hours on the Sierra Guadarrama, in the company of Largo Cabellero, the Socialist chief, when the battle for Madrid was at its height.

I saw a battalion of working class girls throw away their skirts and launch a bayonet charge against the perfectly-equipped Fascist-led troops. I saw the aftermath of the fighting on the Colde Leon, another mountain pass leading into Madrid, and scores of women's bodies fastened to the ground with bayonets stuck through their abdomens.

But I also saw the Fascists being hurled back. Almost barehanded the workers' militia tackled the legions of Molla. On the day when that general promised to take Madrid and crucify 100,000 workers, I saw the clouds of dust of his retreating army as it was pounded by the artillery, which the workers had captured and turned around.

Women Patrol Streets

Only when the Montana barracks, where the Madrid garrison had revolted and fortified itself, was taken by storm, and the chief strongholds of the Fascists had been mopped up, did the workers flock to the hills, without rest, without sleeping for days and nights on end.

Thousands of women had to stay behind to keep their eye on the hidden Fascists in the capital. They armed themselves with revolvers and patrolled the streets.

In the Catalonian capital, Barcelona, I saw the attack on the Colon Hotel, where thousands of Fascists had assembled to terrorize the city until Gen. Godet could land with his troops, join with the city garrison and dominate Barcelona. Godet was taken prisoner. The garrison was annihilated. All the churches where the Fascists had stocked arms and built barricades in the doorways were set on fire.

Expel News Falsifiers

Four newspaper correspondents have been expelled for spreading false news about the crucifixion of priests and the violation of nuns. The same ghoulish atrocity propaganda that once worked so well in the case of the Russian revolution has been trotted out again by the Fascist press and its reactionary sympathizers.

But in spite of that, the Spanish masses are laying the foundation of their own freedom. "Forward to the New Life" is the watchword here.

FASCIST RULE PROTESTED IN GREECE

ATHENS, Greece. — Political party leaders, including former Premier George Kafandaris, Alexander Papanastasiou and Charilaos Vozikis, have protested the coup of Premier John Metaxas in clamping a Fascist dictatorship on Greece.

The leaders demanded a collective audience with King George, but the king stipulated that they come singly.

A joint memorandum of the party leaders demanded a return of the parliamentarian regime and pointed out that the parties had agreed on restoration of the monarchy on this condition.

Said King George: "I am desirous that the difficult situation be solved as soon as possible, but you must see Premier Metaxas and tell him all you have told me."

Seattle ILA Vote 95% For Opening Award

SEATTLE.—About 95% of the Seattle I.L.A. members voted in favor of reopening the 1934 award on wages and conditions.

This is in accordance with the suggestion of the I.L.A. Pacific Coast Executive Board.

Let unity between Socialists and Communists blaze the way to unity of all toilers!

COTTON MILLS COMPANY IS DESPERATE AS STRIKE GOES INTO TENTH MILITANT WEEK

Employers Try Trick To Get Workers In Company Union; Strikers Standing Solid For Their Full Demands

By a Worker Correspondent

OAKLAND.—Getting desperate with the strike now on its tenth week and things beginning to stir up pretty lively, the California Cotton Mills Company, at Railroad Avenue and Kennedy Street, issued the following letter to the striking workers:

"We believe that a great many of our employees would like to return to work. If you would like to start working again, sign the enclosed card and mail or deliver it at once.

Bed-Time Stories

"Mill operations will be resumed as speedily as operators are available, and all former employees may return to work without discrimination because of strike activities.

"If a majority of employees or Bedaux (speedup system) request it, premiums will be discontinued, and a base rate substituted. A vote will be taken to determine this point after operations are resumed in full.

Company Unionism

"The management will meet periodically with a committee made up of one representative from each major department to consider and endeavor to adjust any grievances remaining."

The leter was signed by B. A Olsen, general manager. Needless to say, the company is doing some fancy straw-clutching.

On Thursday, August 5th, there was a demonstration in which 400 participated, carrying banners, etc. The demonstration lasted about three hours. The police finally dispersed it.

The next day the first scabs were taken in, about 10 went to work. The chief of police was there with his men to see that the scabs got safe transit through the picket lines.

The pickets have redoubled their vigilance and are firmer to day than ever. Their morale is very high. Their soup kitchen is always well supplied. The men are given one day's work per week through the aid of other unions.

The owners are frantic and bewildered at the solidarity of the workers, who have never been organized before and who have only recently discovered the power they possess as an organized body. Many conferences have been held between the owners and union committees, and each time the company vice-president, Miller, hands them the same old bunk:

"The company is not making any money and a raise in wages is impossible. The mill has only been kept open for sentimental reasons. My father had it before me, and his father before him, etc."

When the workers offered to take over the mill on a profit-sharing basis it was promptly rejected by him as "ridiculous."

We can plainly see where his sentiments lie—with the profits more than "the family relic." The workers pointed out to him that the Bedaux speedup system, recently instituted, was costing the company over $2000 per month (about 20 efficiency experts on the pay rolls). That money could be paid to the workers.

"Figuring" Profits

He readily consented to do away with the "system," but refrained from saying what he would do with the $2000. It was also pointed out that he had over 100 office employees to about 400 textile workers. Immediately one of his stooges jumped up and explained how terribly complicated the "figuring" was nowadays, and it took many office workers to do it.

At the last meeting the workers were offered one cent per hour raise in wages and recognition of the union "in principle" (not in writing). Needless to say, it was flatly rejected. The workers are holding out for a 10 cents per hour raise and full recognition of the union, and they are confident of winning their full demands.

(SEE EDITORIAL)

FIELD STRIKE IS CALLED OFF

A.F.L. Charter For CUCOM Harbor Local

By a Worker Correspondent

LOMITA.—Here is a short history of the agricultural strike in Los Angeles County, which started last April 20th.

The demands were for union recognition and a wage scale of 27½ to 30 cents per hour for celery pickers. Four hundred small growers signed up in the course of the strike, and withdrew from the Japanese Growers Association, of which Makaeda is representative.

Makaeda signed an agreement for the Japanese Growers Association, which he now repudiates. A representative of the Labor Board, Barkley, claims the contract is legal.

Strike Called Off

The strike was officially called off at a meeting of the C.U.C.O.M. (Confederation of Mexican Unions) on July 31st. William Velarde was present,telling the workers the strike could not be prolonged any longer.

The agricultural workers intend to carry out the fight for union labor by striking individual ranches where non-union help is employed. Field inspectors are out daily checking up on ranches.

Union locals have been formed in El Monte, Bay Cities, from Dominguez Hills south to Los Angeles Harbor, including Torrance, Gardena, Harbor City, Lomita and Palos Verdes Hills. A local comprises Norwalk, Artesia, Carmenita, Bellflower and Artesia, and another local is in San Fernando Valley.

Awaits A. F. of L. Charter

The Harbor area local is awaiting its charter from the A. F. of L.

Fred West, organizer of the A. F. of L. was present at a meeting called Tuesday, August 4th, to organize the local into the A. F. of L.

PLACERVILLE'S PEAR SHEDS ORGANIZING

By a Worker Correspondent

PLACERVILLE. — The pear sheds here in Placerville are being organized, a local of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union having been set up.

The large growers are going around from shed to shed asking each worker: "Aren't you content getting six cents, and please promise us you will cause no trouble."

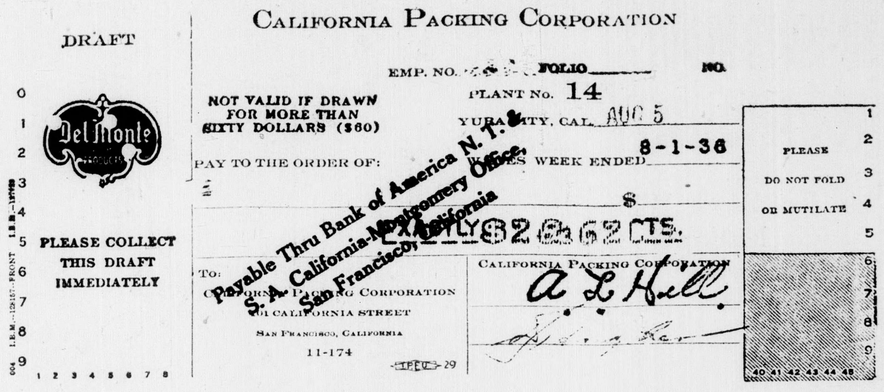
The price is seven cents and eight cents elsewhere, and the workers are seriously thinking of striking to get better wages. The past few weeks has seen many workers tearing up the scabby Fruit and Vegetable Packers Association cards.

The large landowners in and around Placerville are forcing the workers to take strike action by their threats about anyone joining an A.F.L. union, or daring to ask for eight cents, which is in effect elsewhere. In spite of all this, the workers are secretly joining and expect to organize 100 percent.

Chinese Women Ask Right To Vote

NANKING, China.—Demanding the right to vote and to be representatives at the National People's Assembly next November, representatives of Chinese women's associations in Shanghai recently called on Mr. Lin Sen, chairman of the National Government. Lin expressed his whole-hearted support, and promised to bring up the matter for discussion by the government.

WOKERS' BLOOD IN DEL MONTE PRODUCTS



Wages: 10 Cents An Hour. Profits: Sky's The Limit

By a Worker Correspondent

YUBA CITY—You've all eaten Del Monte products, canned fruits and vegetables, and you've all paid pretty high prices for their products. But very, very little of the money you pay ever gets back to the workers who do all the producing—most all of the money goes into the pockets of the non-producers who call themselves "executives" and who clip coupons of the California Packing Corporation.

I work in Plant No. 14 at Yuba City, and for 27 hours work during the week ending August 5th, I got exactly $2.62—which figures out to 9 7-10 cents per hour! And the working conditions are just plain lousy. The check above proves what I say.

You can figure out just how much profits the parasites are making from the way they expoit us girls and also the men workers. The only useful work these coupon-clippers could do after we get a Soviet America is cutting out paper dolls—and they probably wouldn't be any good at that.

HEARST LIES CRUMBLE WITH ALASKA CANNERY WORKERS SOLID ON PICKET LINE

(After years of suffering under foul exploitation, the Alaska Cannery Workers were organized into a union last spring. This story of their organiaztion is continued from our last issue.)

By an Alaska Canner

SAN FRANCISCO.—Hearst—"that fakir," according to his reporters—started to grind out the old lies from the day the pickets took to their posts. He took them out of his files, blew the dust off of them, and presented them to the public as something new.

Packers Try To Stall

So you see, the object of the packers was to stall around until the last minute.

After signing agreements with the fishermen, the beach gang, all of the marine and factory maintenance unions (machinists, carpenters, plumbers, etc.), and during the stampede for the boats during and by reason of the confusion that would necessarily arise—all of these groups, due to the delay in signing agreements, would naturally resent being held up by "this mob" (Hearst).

Hearst Barrage

With a barrage from the press (the Hearst press) and pressure from the packers in the form of a whispering campaign, what support we had would possibly have been withdrawn, and the Cannery Workers Union would have been left on the docks, while the steamship "Glacier" would have without question sailed on schedule.

Spirit And Leadership

It would have been done but for the spirit of the strikers, the leadership of George Woolfe, Barola, Lyons, West, Coleman, etc., and the splendid support of the Maritime Federation. As things stood, the "Glacier" did not sail Sunday noon, May 17th, Hearst to the contrary.

All night the picket line was maintained. A relief kitchen was established and the boys on the Embarcadero drew their overcoats around them (the ones fortunate enough to own one) as the early morning fog began to envelope them.

It was the first time on a picket line for a great many of them, but they turned to like veterans. Everyone wanted to do their share. They were taking four-hour watches, with the more energetic ones taking two, three and four watches on end, refusing to turn in.

The union headquarters at 555 Pacific St. was humming with activity. A small fleet of cars and trucks were pressed into service, transporting the men to and from the piers.

Scene In Union Hall

The hall resembled a small battlefield—all the lights, with the exception of the ones in the toilet, one in the office and one in front, were doused and the forms of two or three hundred men, like fallen soldiers, were fast asleep—snoring, groaning and sighing—some on benches, on the floor, on the small stage, everywhere and anywhere they could find room. And over it all, hovering like a pall, a stench so thick you could cut it with a knife, a stench peculiar to human beings when too many are crowded in a small space.

Drinking Discouraged

Occasionally one would sit up or stand, and stretch his cramped bones and muscles into place, and survey the scene through sleep-laden eyes. Some stumbled and groped their way like drunken men toward the toilet. In weaving his way through that mass of humanity, it would appear as though the man was intoxicated.

But strange to relate drunken men were few. Drinking was discouraged, and no one was allowed to leave the hall to picket if he even looked as though he had been drinking. The strike committee was agreed on that, and so was the membership. So that rule was enforced. The union was not taking chances on provocateurs.

25 More Schools To Be Militarized

WASHINGTON. — The war preparations program of the Roosevelt administration will be expanded by 25 new reserve officer training units in 25 more colleges and universities next fall, the War Department announced.

The new units, plus the 324 now existing in 254 educational institutions, would increase the total number of R.O.T.C. boys from 127,565 enrolled last year to 150,000. The new schools to be militarized include University of Maine, New York University, Clarkson College of Technology, St. Bonaventure College, Duquesne University, and Niagara University.

France Warns, After Nazi Ships Visit Spain Fascists

PARIS.—Following a visit of two German warships to headquarters of Spanish Fascists in Morocco, at Ceuta, Algeciras and Melilla, France rushed six war planes to her southern border last Tuesday night—a warning to both the Nazis and the Italian Fascists to stay neutral.

The officers of the Nazi warships—the battleship Deutschland the destroyer Luchs—were reported to have been received by General Francisco Franco, Spanish Fascist leader, at Ceuta. One Fascist officer described the interview as a "courtesy call."

The arrival of the warships in the harbor prevented bombardment of Ceuta by a Spanish government warship.

STEEL TRUST RULES RELIEF

DULUTH.—The Steel Trust dominates administration of poor relief in St. Louis County, Minn., charges former W.P.A. Director Dacey.

USELESS LABOR ON SEWING PROJECT

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO.—A day in the WPA needle trade project. Along the Fillmore stretch stand ranks of women of all ages, from 16 to 80. This thick stream of hundreds of women are swallowed in the three story structure, 450 Gough St.

Three thousand women work here, regimented into two shifts, the morning shift from seven to noon and the afternoon shift from one to six. Five hours a day, six days a week, 46 cents an hour.

Sewed By Hand

Everything is sewed by hand. The only material used is cheap cotton, and any product that comes under "needle-trade" is made here — house dresses, BVD's, children's underwear, bed linen, handkerchiefs, aprons. Everything is sewed by hand with the accurate stitch of a sewing machine.

The building is broad and long, a slapboard structure taking up one square block. Every floor seats 400 to 500 women at long tables, with a special monitor for every row of tables. For the three floors reigns one chief forelady with iron discipline.

Why Not Machines

"Seven o'clock, girls, no talking, quit," says the forelady, and the heads sink to work. The talk spreads quietly. The aprons that take a week to sew by hand, can be bought in any store, two for a quarter. Handkerchiefs, two for a nickel anywhere, take a day to sew. "Why don't they furnish us with machines?" asks a young girl naively.

Once in a while a woman faints. Thirteen dollars a week, with three children!

Most of the women here are white-collar workers—bookkeepers stenographers typists, secretaries, nurses—and each talks yearningly of her own trade.

At the slightest word caught by the forelady or her monitors, the "culprit" is sent to the desk, where another inquisition starts. The name is then placed on a "special" list under the title of not having obeyed the rules.

Relief Is Won For Elderly Woman

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO.—The grievance committee of the Workers Alliance of California called on Miss Croft, supervisor at 51 Gough St., to obtain relief for an elderly lady who was an invalid.

The suprvisor tried to split the committee, saying she would interview but one spokesman. We thought different and slipped 10 into her office, at which she put in a riot call, at the same time calling Autocrat J. H. Small, head of SRA in San Francisco, who endeavored to mislead the police captain, elaborating on his fairness, but failed to convince the captain, who was really sore for being called into the case after getting the proper slant on the committee's explanation of all the run-arounds.

Relief was given the elderly woman.

WORKERS ARE WAKING UP AT AIRCRAFT FIRM

Blacklist, Stoolies, Low Pay Exposed At Douglas

By a Worker Correspondent

SANTA MONICA.—Completely disillusioned with the company-dominated "union" of the Douglas Aircraft Company located in this city, workers of the plant are awakening to the need of a bonafide American Federation of Labor industrial union.

The company union, "Douglas Aircraft Association," recently demanded of the company one week's vacation with pay for employees with up to five years service, and two weeks with pay for over five years employment. When the company refused this demand of the workers, a strike situation developed.

Old Stuff and Crude

Douglas made a clumsy attempt to pacify the workers by issuing a crudely composed "personal" lette rto each worker, gloryifing the "benefits" of working for his company and referring to the "high" wages paid.

He pointed out that each worker got "52 vacations a year," every Saturday and Sunday, what could they wish for than a five day week?

The Strike Sentiment

The refusal of Douglas to grant the demand of the workers, resulted in a rising sentiment in favor of strike and real unionization.

The company union, although not requiring compulsory membership of the workers, fires any worker who refuses to join on some pretext or other. Twenty-five workers were cecently fired for turning in their company union cards.

Employing 4000 workers, the Douglas Aircraft Company, has earned for itself one of the foulest reputations of all aircraft companies. The company has established a five-day week and an eight-hour day, but pays only on an average of 50 cents an hour for all workers, skilled and unskilled.

Skilled Get $4 to $5 a Day

There are 432 highly specialized engineers and draftsmen in the plant whose average earnings are $4 and $5 per day.

A power press operator, previously five years in that capacity with the General Motors Company, was hired at 35 cents an hour because a grilling by the personnel manager showed him to be destitute, married and desperate for the job.

Fourteen dollars a week for a skilled mechanic! One worker gets $12 a week.

Unskilled men are hired on a "3 day trial" basis at $1 a day, "to see how they shape up" and are of course, dismissed after the three days as unsatisfactory.

On bids for government contracts the company includes a figure of $1.10 per hour to make up the regulation 10 per cent labor costs. Washington got onto this and was about to prosecute, but McAdoo was hired to "fix" the impending case, so it went no further, except they have lost several contracts since.

Workers when hired are finger-printed, photographed and given their photograph on a button to wear as identification on entering the plant. "Foreign espionage" is the so-called reason advanced by the company officials for this poceedure.

The workers are not being fooled by any such explanation. They know that militant workers who engage in union activity and who fight for their rights are now at the mercy of the boss. But they talk openly of organization to change this situation.

Blacklist System

All the aircraft companies have an arrangement between them whereby they will hire one another's ex-employees (that is 'satisfactory" ones who may have quit), but only at the same or less pay than they received previously.

Inefficiency is rife. Mainly at the top. Even from a capitalist viewpoint the plant is rottenly run, but of course the workers bear the brunt in the form of spasmodic lay-offs, due to lack of inter-departmental coordination in the construction program.

Need A. F. L. Union

A $76,000 plane which was built in error without an order, was finally ear-marked for sale to the Nanking Government for $110,000, because " the Chinese would never know it was not the latest type plane."

All the workers (except the stool-pigeons) hate the company, entertain no false notions of "loyalty" and talk openly of the need for a bonafide labor organization and strike.

Friend of C.P. Is Mourned



By a Worker Correspondent

LOS ANGELES.—More than 700 comrades and friends attended the Red Funeral of La Vera White, young Negro writer, at the Conner Johnson Funeral Home on Saturday, August 1st. In compliance with her request she was buried in a red casket, with members of the Young Communist League conducting the ceremony. Miss White is survived by her mother, who resides at 3915 South Hooper Avenue.

Hits Labor Leaders Opposing Leaflets

By a Worker Correspondent

STOCKTON.—Some so-called labor leaders here are against putting out leaflets. I wonder how they think about the bosses, who put out leaflets. Not only do they put out leaflets, but big costly signs which the workers help to pay for.

We workers have eaten paper promises long enough. We are organizing for ham and eggs, T-bone steaks, good living conditions. We see the handwriting on the wall. We have learned what the bosses' fine talk means to the starved workers. Me for more leaflets and more action, and a united workers' front. Let's organize!

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After Stockton--What's Been Happening In Agriculture

By *Nat Davis*

IT NOW begins to seem that the only way the huge army of California's agricultural workers will ever be organized is through some dynamic force like the Committee for Industrial Organization.

The Fruit Empire

There are 250,000 men, women and children who pick the fruit and vegetable crops in an area one is almost tempted to call semi-feudal. Each year new thousands are enticed into the web of the country's worst exploitation, hypnotized into coming from the drouth-ridden 'Dust Bowl" of the Middle West, as a huge snake sometimes hypnotizes and entices a bird.

It isn't long before the poor midwestern farmer longs even for the ghostly and bleak aridness of the corn and wheat belt, which has at least a few merits alongside the gun and the club of the vigilante committee.

The agricultural camp is a jail. Every move a picker makes is under the glaring eye of a grower, a sheriff, a deputy or a vigilante. The Pennsylvania coal miner who remembers the days before the resurgence of theU.M W.A. would find the agricultural camp a strangely familiar sight.

The old man, the wife, the kids, and the baby too spend sunup to way beyond sunset in the field.

The Growers' Aim

A maximum of 20 cents an hour or bust is the growers' new slogan. A minimum of $3 a day or bust is the slogan which is becoming the rallying point for the 250,000 slaves who toil in the hot sun of California's fields.

The rays of hope that gleam from the bright star of trade union organization are discernible again to the agricultural workers of California, although as yet a bit too faintly. Faintly, because the reactionary and old-school type of A.F. of L. leader, as exemplified by men like Edward Vandeleur, secretary of the California Federation of Labor, have been doing their damndest to dim those rays.

The detailed story of the thrall-like conditions of the agricultural workers is a many times told tale, and belongs elsewhere than in this article. What is as fascinating a story is that of the recent chain of events in the efforts of the agricultural workers to become part of the trade union movement.

It will be remembered that up until the early part of 1934, California's agricultural workers, in cantaloupe and in cotton, in beans and in berries, in oranges and in melons, were fighting a fight as bitter in its fierceness as any the American working-class has engaged in.

Through the heat shrivelled Imperial Valley, to the very borders of Oregon, the skirmishes raged, often growing into battles.

The union that led them was the Cannery and Agricultural Workers Industrial Union, affiliated with the then existing Trade Union Unity League. The C.A.W.I.U. is still a household word in the tents and the shacks of many Filipino, Mexican or native-born picker's family.

The "red" union was painfully, but surely lifting the standards of the agricultural workers. It had to be crushed, the growers determined, and the full weight of every possible ounce of terror, every known method of repression was thrown into crushing of the C.A.W.I.U. Murder and pillage, kidnaping and tar-and-feathers, the driving of unknown hundreds of families from pillar to post figured in the crushing of the C.A.W.I.U.

The Big Growers Rode High

Once the fighting industrial union went down, such gains as it had achieved fast began to dwindle away. For over two years, the growers have been riding high again, theirs the final say over the lives, liberties and happiness of the people who produce the fruit and vegetables we eat.

The spark ignited by the fighting maritime unions in 1934, the spark that flared up into general strike for a brief period, has, in the past two years, touched off the powder keg that lay hidden under the open shop tarpaulin of many an important industry in California.

San Francisco, thanks to the determined, and the full weight maritime unions, is a proudly union-conscious town. So is San Pedro. Los Angeles, long unabashed by the title of the scabs paradise, has doubled its union membership, to over 80,000, in the past 12 months.

The spark has begun to touch off the agricultural powder barrel. True, the Vandeleurs and the Caseys have dampened that powder a little. But these are little sprinklings.

The Danger Signal

It wasn't until May this year that the big growers began to see the danger signal. Early that month a couple of hundred Culver City celery pickers walked out. They were Mexicans, and their banner was that of the Mexican Confederation of Unions. The Mexican workers were being inspired to struggle by the accomplishments of their brothers across the border.

A few days later about 300 bean pickers in the Palos Verdes area struck. The Confederation led them too. Their wages were 22½ cents an hour at best; they asked but little—only 30 cents.

The terror of vigilantism was quick to swoop down on the strikers. Tear gassing was just a teaser when it came to what the growers' vigilantes were prepared to unleash against the Mexicans. About the same time, fiery crosses were burned in San Jose, as an express warning to agricultural labor.

The native white workers were not slow to follow the lead of the Mexicans. Several hundred lettuce workers in the Salinas sheds, much further north, struck. They were members of the A.F. of L. Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union. They made gains.

From W. P. A. to the Fields

The predicament of the agricultural workers began to draw all the more public attention when the big growers and their agents who run the relief set-up in California began their attempt to use thousands on relief and W. P.A. jobs as a whip to force conditions and wages down further.

At a conference before the season started, State Relief Administrator McLaughlin promised the growers they'd get things the way they wanted them. Those on relief who refused to go into the fields at close to 20 cents an hour were told they were to be cut off.

Imagine, ranted the Hearst press, the Los Angeles Times, and the general run of open-shop minded California sheets, healthy men have become so spoiled by relief and W. P. A. that they refuse to take "honest" jobs.

The Big Growers in Anguish

The big growers and their press wailed too, in anguish at at the sight of the government through the Resettlement Administration, further "spoiling" the pickers by setting up government camps, where at least a little bit of freedom prevailed. Mr. Roy Pike, of the $4,000,000 El Soyo ranch, got a bunch of growers together with the plan of building migratory camps of their own, to offset the government camps. Such camps could become nothing else than the sort of closed company towns the steel workers in the Penn-Ohio region are familiar with.

The pressure for organization on the part of the masses of agricultural workers brought about the call, by a sponsoring committee which included Socialists of varying shades, Trotskyites in Socialist Party clothing and was endorsed by Vandeleur, among others, of the California Conference of Agricultural Workers, which was held in Stockton June 6th and 7th.

The presence of some of these elements on the sponsoring committee caused the press to rub its hands in pleasant anticipation.

The "liberal" Scripps-Howard San Francisco News expressed gladness that Vandeleur, representing 'the conservative and responsible labor movement is at last moving into a field heretofore left to left-wing agitators—more recently the Communists.'

The growers and their press know their Vandeleurs. The general strike, if nothing else, taught them that much.

What Happened at Stockton

More than 250 regular and fraternal delegates came to Stockton. The presence of agricultural workers, and of delegates from Central Labor Councils in the crop areas, contrasted strangely with that of self-assured and well-groomed representatives of the government, of the big growers, and of well-dressed, and perhaps well-meaning ladies who urged another investigation of conditions in agriculture. But the workers present knew that no further investigation was necessary to prove the extent of their slavery; what was needed now was a brass-tacks organization campaign, with the full support of the A.F.L. thrown behind it.

Vandeleur's voice cast an especially rasping note at the conference, the experienced misleader sharply warning that any A.F.L. support for an organization drive would have to be based "on orderly procedure"—which meant, in plain English, no strikes.

Machine-rollered by men like Vandeleur, and by certain Socialists and Trotskyites, the gaunt, care-worn agricultural workers present were kept off the rostrum, while nice ladies and government representatives spouted oily words.

Stockton Decisions

The conference was progressive in that it at least proposed the organizing of a Federation of Cannery, Agricultural and Packing Workers of California, with an ultimate object of bringing all the independent unions into the A. F. of L. fold A coordinating council of union representatives was set up. The Wage Committee, controlled by progressives, had its $3 a day minimum wage aim accepted, and its proposal for a $65 and board monthly minimum for all permanently employed agricultural workers—such as dairy, stock and fruit farm labor—accepted.

What would mean a real down to business drive, however, was not born in the Stockton Conferenc.

Such a drive would embody the points sent in the letter of greetings by Pat Chambers, Caroline Decker and Albert Hougardy, who are now behind the bars on criminal syndicalism sentences for their leadership of the agricultural strikes fought under the C.A.W.I.U banner.

Some Vital Proposals

These are the proposals which would do the trick for agricultural labor:

1.—The Conference should go on record for the launching of a state-wide organization drive among the agricultural workers, and take immediate steps to organize this drive.

2.—A State Organization Committee and Local Organization Committee should be set up in every Central Labor Council area; the local committees should include representatives of the Central Labor Council, local trade unions, farmers and unemployed organizations; the state committee should be organized to include representatives of all locals of already existing agricultural unions.

3.—A crew of local field organizers to be set up by the local committees immediately to start the organization drive.

4.—The State and local committees should start a drive to raise finances through the trade unions, to be used exclusively for organization work of the field organizers; all the rest of the organization apparatus to be on a voluntary basis.

5.—The organization of the workers should be the Federal locals, affiliated with the A.F. of L., and with the Central Councils and State Federation of Labor; the Federal locals should be united on a state scale into a State Council of Agricultural Workers Locals, affiliated with the State Federation of Labor.

6.—The A.F. of L. locals should cooperate with the independent agricultural unions with the objective of eventually bringing the independent unions into the A.F. of L.; fraternal representativs from the independent unions should be brought into the State Council, and into the organizing committees, to further joint action.

7.—Special measures for a low initiation and dues system should be established within the reach of every agricultural laborer; this is vital to the success of an organization drive.

8—All Federal locals should be guaranteed full local autonomy as to the principles and program of the A.F.L. Without complete trade union democracy the confidence of the agricultural workers cannot be won.

9—A state-wide publicity campaign should be conducted against the growers' terrorist methods, vigilantism, and for the repeal of the anti-labor Criminal Syndicalist Law and the release of the victims of that law. A demand should be made on the LaFollette Congressional Investigating Committee to investigate the abrogation of civil liberties in California.

The pressure from the field and shed wokers is bound to force the adoption of such a program. Events have moved rapidly since the Stockton conference.

There was the strike of 400 potato diggers in the Shafter area shortly afterward. It was won. There is the strike of San Jose pear packers, as well as numerous other smaller strikes.

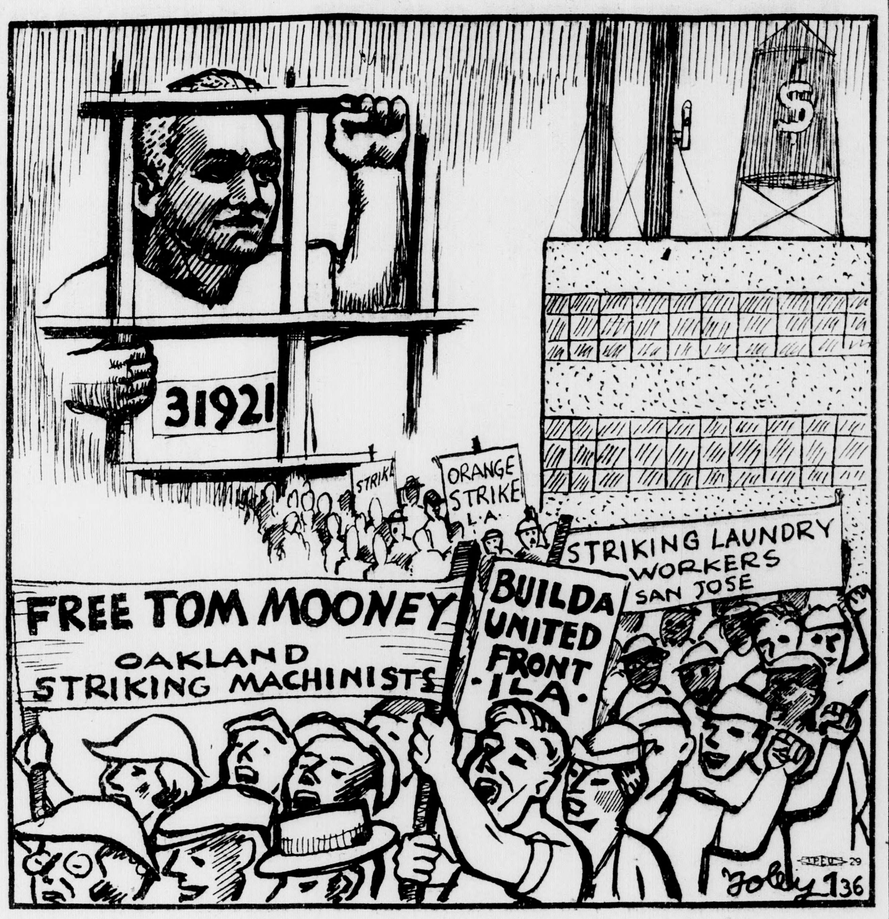
And the memorable 7-week strike of the Orange County citrus workers, under the leadership of the Mexican Confederation has just ended in a measure of victory. Over 3000 men, women and children answered the Confederation's call. They faced tear gas, beatings, the imprisonment of over 200 strikers, kidnapings, but they stuck. They were able to force wages up to what amounts to 30 cents an hour, from the 20 cents they got before the strike. Free transportation to and from work, free tools, free drinking water, abolition of the fining system, were among the elementary and simple demands they asked for, and won.

And this in the face of the "Shoot to Kill" order of Sheriff Jackson. A spirit like that cannot be conquered; it's bound to result in ultimate and unified organization, throughout the fields and sheds of California, under the banner of the A.F. of L.

They know what they have to face in the struggle. They got an inkling of it a few weeks ago when Col. Garrison, head of the Associated Farmers, called a meeting in Salinas City Hall, and tried to rally the small farmers, whose worst enemies are the vigilante Garrisons and the rest of the big growers and bankers, under the banner of vigilantism.

But agricultural labor in California is going to march on, and up.

TOM MOONEY IS WITH US—— *by a C.C.C. Worker*



The Silent Leader - A Story

By D.

I had a dime to my name and I dropped in one of those cheap movie houses, the kind that shows the feature picture of six or seven months ago. The pent-house troubles of "Our Modern Daughters" put me to sleep and I swore when my buddy suddenly woke me up.

He woke me up because they were showing a brief flash of the Oil City strike, in the course of the three-months old news reel. "Peace Reigns Once Again in Oil Heart of America," the caption claimed.

It set me to thinking. Funny that the finding of a button by a man in the case and can department of the Associated Refining led to the strike that had the "respectable" people of the country shivering for weeks. Funny, too, that the hero of the strike was a little Russian pumpman dead six months before the strike started.

Little Newspaper Item

As I remember it, noboby paid much attention to a little item tucked away snugly in the inside pages of the papers one Monday morning in April. It was just a five line report that a hundred men had walked out on strike in the Associated Refining. But everybody took notice on Friday when the papers blared forth that "Oil Strike Rioters Control City."

To us strikers the man who was really in control of Oil City that Friday was Peter Timushenko, the little Russian pumpman, dead six months ago.

Peter was a patient little fellow, who knew everybody in the Hook, and was known by everybody in the Hook. His trip home from the yards every Saturday noon, when the men were paid off, was like a march of triumph. The kids on the sidewalk would stop playing, would jump on his back, pull his hair, kiss him, pinch him, and he loved it. He would distribute largesse like a "lady bountiful." Peter never had any kids of his own and for the kids of the Hook nothing was too good.

That was Peter, light-hearted, kind, soft. But there was another side to him, known at first only to a few of us. The man had a bitterness that secretly gnawed at his vitals until it nearly drove him mad at times. He wanted revenge. Revenge at the big monster that had gripped its claws into every man, woman and child in Oil City. The monster dripped oil, and reeked of it. It owned every inch of Oil City; it dominated the most minute periods of the life of every one of the inhabitants. The name of the monster was "Associated Petroleum Producers."

When the Monster Spit

Many times the monster spit forth flames and consumed men who worked for it. But one day six years ago it did something that will live forever in the minds of the people of the Hook. One hundred and forty-seven men went into one of its buildings that day, and a heap of charred ashes came out. Among these men were the three younger brothers of Peter Timushenko.

Peter's hate smouldered in vain for five years after that. Then suddenly we noticed that Peter began receiving letters and packages which he would only say came from a strange city. He started telling us things which began to give us hope, something which we of Oil City had abandoned long ago.

To the surprise of all the men who worked in the other departments we learned that the pumpman had formed themselves into a club that met secretly. No one knew where and when, except the pumpmen themselves.

"Your turn is coming next," Peter told me one day. Peter was on the afternoon shift that day and I met him as I was going home from the yards. When he left me I looked back at him, and saw that he was having a grand time with the kids coming out of school.

He was walking straight down East 22nd St., headed for the main gate. The kids left him at the gate. I could hear their piping voices shout, "Good-bye, Uncle Peter."

That was the last ever seen of Peter Timushenko.

Mike Grady, a grizzle-haired side-kick of Peter's, met me next day and asked me if Peter was sick. "Sick," I said, "Why, I met him going into the yards yesterday."

"He never showed up," Mike said with agitation. "The pumpmen are worried about it." It was the first time in twenty years that Peter hadn't reported to work, Mike told me.

We went to the house where Peter boarded. He wasn't there, and the landlady told us he hadn't returned from the yards.

The Hook talked about it for days. The pumpmen were the most excited. They didn't know what to do. The excitement died down a little among the rest of us in the Hook, but the pumpmen wouldn't let it drop. Grady, who was now their leader, got up a bunch of the men and they called on Cagle, the superintendent. He gave them an oily smile and promised to "investigate." But nothing came of it.

A Diamond Button

About three weeks after Peter's disappearance Grady ran into my house and woke me up. His face was white as a sheet. He had a button in his hand, one of those buttons the monster gives for faithful services. The button had two diamonds on it—thirty years of service.

"It's Peter's," Grady said excitedly. "I been lookin' around and I found it behind the case and can building."

That opened my eyes wide. "Holy smokes," I said, "them bastards. . . ."

"Yep," said Mike, "they done away with Peter."

Mike called the pumpmen together that night and told them about the button. They decided to strike and stay out until Cagle told them what he knew about Peter's disappearance.

As a representative of the cases and can men, Grady called on me to say a few words to the pumpmen.

I told them I was sure the case and can men would back them up. "You gotta do more than that," one of the pumpmen shouted. "You gotta get the case and can men on strike."

We had only the beginning of organization in the case and can. I myself had started this, out of the advice that Peter had given me. But the spirit of the pumpmen carried me away and I told them, "You guys march into the yards tomorrow, come into the case and can house and the other buildings, and I'll pass the word around you're coming."

"They Murdered Him"

That evening the word spread about the finding of the button. "They murdered him," the Hook people told each other. "The dirty skunks." A hush seemed to fall, like a cloud, over the Hook, usually so noisy with life. The kids didn't play, but sat on curb-stones. Everybody stopped everybody and asked, "You heard the news about Peter?"

Peter Timushenko had been murdered. The word sped as if on arrows from the Hook to Caven Point, from Caven Point to Bayway, twenty miles away. The wires seemed to sing it; the little frame houses seemed to whisper it.

At about seven o'clock the pumpmen started to move down East 22nd St. It was a solemn, dignified march. On each man's face the skin seemed taut like canvas stretched on a drum.

The guards met them at the gate. The pumpmen plowed through them as if they were air. Some of the guards started to fight and were severely punished. The guards fled back into the oil works.

Somebody in the office called the police. Every Oil City cop must have come down. They rushed the strikers, drew their clubs, and the strikers fought them, all the while continuing to swarm into the yards.

A siren was heard and Cady, the police chief, drove his car right through the ranks of the men, knocking several of them down. They cursed and threw rocks at him. The police chief shouted an excited order.

By now the men inside the buildings began to stream out to join the pumpmen. They had seen their fellow workers staggering toward the buildings, their heads bleeding. The mood of the new men was menacing.

The strikers in the rear guard now seized rocks and hurled them. They forced the cops back against the high wall surrounding the works. The cops were hemmed in, easy targets for bricks and stones.

Cady ordered the cops to use their revolvers. In a trifling his auto was demolished and torn to pieces, like so much cardboard.

The wild screeching of sirens was heard. "They brung in Caven Point cops," I heard someone yell.

Cocky now, the cops began firing. The strikers separated, dodging into doorways and behind garbage cans. For each revolver shot they answered with a score of missiles.

The Guards Sally Out

While the strikers battled the cops, the guards, suddenly became brave, sallied out of their hiding place and tried to trap the strikers from the rear. The strikers whipped them decisively and some of them sought refuge in a firehouse nearby.

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Underneath fields, and rivers, and cities, a net-work of veins criss-cross. Through them course the golden torrents, the life-blood that feeds the monster of Oil City. In twenty-four hours the strike had dammed the pipelines. The greedly heart of the monster had begun to shrivel, and the monster roared in pain and anger.

Its roars could not pump oil Its police clubbed men and women, but no oil was pumped. Men and women were shot down, and still not a gallon was pumped.

A feeling, new and glorious, had come over the strikers. A Polish still-man got up at a mass meeting, and put into words what we felt "Each one of us," he said, "is like one big stone among thousands of boulders. We are stones roling down on the head of that beast, Associated Petroleum Producers."

A Dead Man Guides

We are leaderless, and yet we were led. A dead man guided us. A dead man, Peter Timushenko, and what he had taught a few of us, were the cement that held the men of Oil City together.

Only once did the ranks of the strikers loosen. It was on the fourth day of the strike, Thursday, sttrikers, their women and children, surrounded the refineries and watched. Squads were detailed to guard the bay side, lest scabs land from the boats.

Toward evening, a limousine rolled up. It moved cautiously, as though in respect for the strikers.

Two men were in it, Kinkead, the Congressman, and the pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Grace Father Romanowski. They were men of influence among the Oil City workman. The few of us who could understand such things realized that their coming meant a battle—not a fight of fists and stone, but an even harder one.

Kindead mounted the radiator hood of his car. He took off his coat, lossening his tie, and rolled up his sleeves. He was "one of the boys".

(To Be Concluded)

Seeing RED

By Michael Quin

"RELIABLE AUTHORITY"

I'VE BEEN poking my nose into the past again and have brought back a few trophies in the way of capitalist thought and opinion

Those of you who are forming your ideas of current world politics out of what is printed in the capitalist papers and magazines will be very much interested in these souvenirs of "thought" from World War days. It may be that they will impel you to revise your thinking a little.

For "reliable" and "authoritative" pronouncement, I call your attention to "The Outlook," issue of May 2nd, 1917. On page 18, no less distinguished authority than Professor B. E. Shatzky reports: 'Russian Social Democrats led by George Plekanoff, Russian Social Revolutionists under the leadership of Mr. Avxentieff and the Russian labor group led by Mr. Kerenski are indorsing the war and are very successfully combating the small group of Russian Socialists represented by Mr. Lenin. This latter group does not comprise more than five per cent of Russian workingmen and peasants, and its propaganda is almost negilible and of no consequence in Russia's fight, together with the Allies, for liberty and democracy in Europe."

On page 13 of the same magazine, Lyman Abbott writes on "The Duty of Christ's Church Today." He states emphatically that the church must go beyond mere praying for victory and must become an agency to further the intensive recruiting campaign then in progress:

"In this hour every Christian Church should be a recruiting office for the Kingdom of God. And they shoud lead Christ's followers forth, his cross in their hearts, his sword in their hands, with malice toward none and with charity for all, to fight, to suffer, and, if need be, to die for their oppressed and stricken fellow men."

And here is an extremely colorful bit of literature, the December, 1918 issue of "Current History." The cover has colored reproductions of all the Allied flags as well as an assortment of eagles and patriotic insignia. The typography reads:

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Among other things, it contains Wilson's address, in which he states: "Armed Imperialism such as the men conceived who were but yesterday the masters of Germany is at an end, its illicit ambitions engulfed in black disaster. Who will now seek to revive it?"

Co-incidently the answer to Wilson's question appeared on subsequent pages where the progress of Allied armies of intervention (including American) in Russia were reviewed.

The German retreat is described in part:

"Residents of French and Belgian towns are busy cleaning up after the Germans. In every village one sees fires burning the clothes and other personal equipment which the invaders left bheind them The rooms they occupied in private houses are being aired and fumigated, while the towns are busy cleaning the public buildings they used, in many of whichis found indescribable filth. Beasts could not have left more disgusting evidences of their presence than the German officers left in the Hotel de Ville at Arlon."

The "Outlook" of May 23rd, 1917, prints some astonishing information about the Soviet Union (which stands today as the most orderly, democratic and substantial nation of the earth). On page 131, it says: "On another page of this issue will be found staff correspondence by Mr. George Kennan, than whom no one has better judgement or fuller knowledge about Russian affairs."

On page 138, the all-wise Mr. Kennan reports: "They (the Soviets) want to transform everything overnight and do it in such a way as to benefit the peasants and manual laborers regardless of the interests of other andequally important classes. This, of course, is impracticable, if not absolutely impossible, and can only lead to dissension, internal conflict and national ruin."

It is extraordinary to note that Lenin and the Soviets had better judgement than the hack writers of capitalist publications. Could it be possible that the Spanish workers and their leaders today have beeter judgement than the hysterical and uninformed capitalist correspondents who send back cable reports from the headquarters of the Facist rebels?

Bail Refused Puerto Rico Nationalists

SAN JUAN, Peurto Rico.—Freedom of Pedro Albizu Campes and seven other Nationalists on bail pending appeal of their conviction on charges of "conspiracy to overthrow the United States government by force," was denied by Federal Judge Robert A. Cooper.

Metal Council Unqualifiedly Supports East Bay Strike

Sharp Lettter To Machinists Intl. Pres. Minces No Words

Blasts Walter Nash's Sabotage of Local 284's Effort To Bring Better Conditions To Machinists of East Bay Area

SAN FRANCISCO.—Staunch support to the 1800 strikers led by Machinists Local 284 in the East Bay region is the answer of the Bay Cities Metal Trades Council to the miserable sabotage of the strike by the Machinists' International officials.

The Bay Cities Council minced no words in its letter to Machinists International President Wharton, giving its opinion of the steps taken to break the East Bay strike.

The letter to Wharton is here given, in part:

A. O. Wharton,
Inter. Pres. I. A. of M.,
Machinists Bldg.,
Washington, D. C.
Dear Sir and Bro.:

The Bay Cities Metal Trades Council and its affiliated Organizations takes this occasion to call upon you to use the powers of your Office to bring about a just and equitable settlement of the most critical situation that obtains in Oakland and the East Bay Area.

Disastrous Results

Our Council is not only interested in seeing that the striking machinists of Oakland are accorded fair treatment and an opportunity to wage their struggle against the notorious Open Shoppers for decent conditions, but we likewise recognize the inevitable disastrous results that must react to the detriment of the entire Trade Union Movement and especially to the Iron Trades organizations who have long looked to the Machinists' Locals in this Community for inspiration and leadership to establish and maintain conditions in the Community.

We are very reluctant to criticize the actions or pass judgment on the qualifications of Officers of any Organization, but in such extreme emergency where the entire structure of movement is being threatened and all the hard earned gains of recent years are on the verge of being dissipated as the of action of one Officer of the Machinists' Union who obviously is totally unfitted to represent the men who are involved in this situation, we feel amply justified to call upon you to consider the feelings of 1800 striking workers and place some credence in the word of all these men in lieu of the information as furnished entirely by Representative Nash.

Machinists Are Backbone

This request is made with the full realization that we, the Bay Cities Metal Trades Council, are vested with the responsibility of guarding the interests and welfare of our Membership in the Bay Area, and knowing full well that the Contract Machinists as represented in Lodges No. 68 and No. 284 have long constituted the backbone of the Iron Trades Council we would, indeed be remiss in our duty to the Membership if we did not at this time use our best Offices and extend our support to the end that we urge you to recognize these men who are on strike in Oakland and the East Bay as the real legitimate and bonafide organization the right to which they have long ago estaablished their title by long years of membership and meritorious service to their organization and the Trade Union Movement.

We have failed to hear of one single Organization in the labor movement of the Bay Area which is not in full sympathy with the striking Machinists of Oakland as opposed to such notorious concerns as the Caterpillar Tractor, Merco Norstrom, the Atlas Deisel Engine Company and many other concerns whose attitude and record of past performance is so well known.

It is likewise a matter of record that the revocation of the Charter of Oakland Lodge No. 284 has provoked a storm of criticism from Local Unions who look upon this procedure as serving no other purpose than lending aid to the Employers and impose a handicap on these strikers who we believe are worthy and entitled to the fullest support.

In conclusion will say that after a thorough consideration of all factors and circumstances our Council have decided that we shall support the striking Machinists of Oakland under the leadership of Lodge No. 284 and its Officers whom we believe to be honest and sincere, and again reiterate our belief that it would be good sound judgment for the International of the Machinists Union to recognize the rights of the membership of Oakland and thereby avail themselves of the opportunity to establish a strong militant organization with the same conditions that obtain in San Francisco.

Fraternally yours,
BAY CITIES METAL TRADE COUNCIL
C. W. GILLIS, President.
A. T. WYNN, Secretary.

800,000 AFL MEMBERS BEHIND THEM



WHEN NEW YORK LABOR honored Tom Mooney and Warren Billings. The Central Labor Council, representing 800,000 A.F.L. members, called the New York rally to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the frameup of Mooney and Billings. At the speakers' stand is Luigi Antonini, vice-president of the Intl. Ladies Garment Workers Union.

ILA 38-79 Will March Labor Day

SAN FRANCISCO.—One of the best showings in the Labor Day parade here will be made by International Longshoremen's Local 38-79.

The I.L.A.'s Labor Day Committee has been meeting with that of the Central Labor Council, and the membership has approved the committee's plans. These call for all the men marching, including the officials, to wear uniform dress, to consist of hickory shirt, black jeans and white caps.

The gang stewards are to wear sashes bearing the inscription, "Free Tom Mooney and Billings."

Guild Dealing With 5 Papers

SAN FRANCISCO. — Grown from a handful 2½ years ago to its present size of 272 members, the Northern California Newspaper Guild is now talking turkey to publishers. Collective bargaining has started on five papers in the Bay area.

Applications are pending for the seating of the Guild in both the San Francisco and Alameda County Labor Councils.

A committee composed of Pres. Howard Hill and George Wilson conferred with publisher Carrington of the Oakland Post-Enquirer, discussing Guild aims and objects, and a copy of the Post-Enguirer's proposed contract was presented to Carrington.

After a conference with a Guild committee, publisher Burkhardt of the San Francisco News declared himself satisfied that the Guild is legally entitled to represent the News editorial staff in collective bargaining, and announced himself ready to negotiate on a contract.

Contracts have also been presented to the Call-Bulletin and the Chronicle. The Examiner Guild unit has drafted a contract, approved by the Council.

PEAR GROWERS GET GOVT. AID; WAGES LOW

SAN FRANCISCO.—The pear growers who bewail that a $3 a day minimum wage is impossible, are recipients of new bounty from the AAA.

A Federal subsidy of 50 cents a box on all California pears is to be handed out. The growers have formed the California Pear League Inc., which will sign the subsidy agreement with the Secretary of Agriculture.

CHAMBER IN VICIOUS LIE ON ILA

SAN FRANCISCO.—Poison is being circulated in the mails, by the Chamber of Commerce, against the I.L.A. The Chamber's "News Letters" are alarmed by the union's organizational drive, and call for uniting of the employers, especially against the organization of the warehousemen by Local 38-44.

The "News Letters" are trying to create the idea that the waterfront unions are anxious to create trouble on Sept. 30, which is far from the truth. "All is quite on the waterfront," one bulletin says, "but for hiw long?"

The I.L.A. 38-79 Publicity Committee points out that the maritime unions, far from wanting trouble, are arranging to negotiate with the employers, hoping for a peaceful settlement.

Stockton Iron Strike Gains

STOCKTON.—The 150 striking union foundry workers of Stockton made the first dent in the open shoppers' armor when the Augustine Brass Casting Co. gave in to union demands for increased wages.

It took only a half a day for the Augustine Co. to give in. The foundry is again open with wages for union men raised to 52½-90 cents an hour.

The Monarch, Stockton Engineering and Stockton Iron plants remained closed tight. The strikers are led by the Molders Union, which demands that Stockton foundries pay the union scale paid in most northern California foundries.

S.F. Bldg. Council Installs Officers

SAN FRANCISCO.—The San Francisc Building Trades Council has installed new officers for the fiscal year.

Those installed were: T. L. Chambers, president; D. J. Cavanagh, vice-president; Thomas Doyle, secretary-treasurer. None of these are progressive.

CALIF. COTTON STRIKERS IN A GRAND MARCH

Police Tear US Flag But Fail To Stop Picketing

OAKLAND.—The California Cotton Mill strikers, 350 strong, started the tenth week of their strike with a stirring march and mass picket demonstration.

The March Begins

After a mass meeting last Monday, held at the United Textile Workers soup-kitchen and hall, at 23rd avenue and East 12th, the march to the mill began. The line of pickets stretched over a block long. Some of the girls led the march with banners aloft.

Suddenly the strikers were stopped by a cop named Oleson. The cop told the strikers they couldn't "demonstrate," because they didn't have a permit.

Sonia Baltrum, one of the leaders of the strike, told the cop that this was not a demonstration, but a picket line. "Don't you know that only two can be in a picket line, according to the law?" Oleson asked.

That didn't bother the strikers, and they marched right on. Three cops began to get rough, and tore the banners carried by the girls.

Tears U. S. Flag

One of them tore an American flag being carried by a striker, and stepped on it.

Two girls marched ahead with their banners, and a police lieutenant, trying to head them off, turned a corner in his machine and smashed right into another car, overturning it. The strikers reached the mill, and mass-picketed it from 11:45 a.m. to about 1:30 p.m.

The strikers have kept this sort of spirit up all through the strike, and they appeal for all the support possible from organized labor.

C.I.O. Votes To Carry On

WASHINGTON. — The Committee for Industrial Organization, following a meeting in the United Mine Workers headquarters, decided to disregard the A.F.L. Council's suspension threat.

The committee, at the meeting, voted to endorse John L. Lewis' statement last week that the C.I.O. would carry on despite the suspension order.

This means that notice is served that the C.I.O. will not disband, but will continue its drive to organize steel, rubber, auto and other industries on an industrial basis.

TROOPS RULE IDA. STRIKE AREA

OROFINO, Idaho. — Clearwater County, scene of a strike of 3000 white pine lumber workers, is under the iron heel of martial law. Military rule holds sway and picketing is being forbidden.

The strike area has been calm in the past few days but the resentment of the workers is mounting.

Pt. Arthur Gives SUP Thanks For Aid In Fight

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Sailors Union of the Pacific has received the thanks of the Port Arthur, Tex. Charter Restoration Committee for the $25 a week voted by the S.U.P. at its headquarters meeting on July 13.

C. I. O. ISSUE IS BEING FOUGHT IN COUNCILS

City Centrals, A.F.L. Locals, Are Scenes Of Debate

WASHINGTON.—The Committee for Industrial Organization now has the official suport of at least a dozen State Federations of Labor.

The issue of craft unionism vs. industrial unionism is being fought out in the locals of craft unions throughout the country since the suspension announcement, and in Central Labor Councils

Typo's Convention

The next big event in the struggle for industrial unionism will take place at the annual convention of the International Typographical Union, which starts in Colorado Springs on September 12.

The Typo's were not included among the 10 unions suspended by the A. F. or L. Executive Council, because they have not yet affiliated with the C. I. O Charles P. Howard the Typo's president, is however, a leader of the C.I.O,. and he plans to ask the Typo Union to affiliate with the C.I.O.

The Council instructed William Green to interview Howard, to question him further on his position. Howard's determination to get his union to affiliate, even if it means suspension by the Executive Council, is the answer to Green.

L. Beach Bosses Worried Stiff

LONG BEACH.—A challenge has been hurled to organized labor, in a resolution passed by the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce.

The resolution, adopted by the open shoppers' executive committee and the board of directors, aims "to block the further encroachment of unionization in local business and industry."

Delegates from the dairy, transportation and food products industries were among those present at the meeting which passed the resolution.

The rapid growth of organized labor has caused great alarm amongst the open shoppers, as is seen by the statement of George Smith, executive secretary of the Long Beach Chamber, who said:

"We have unqualifiedly agreed to maintain the open shop principle in Long Beach. Witnessing the increased efforts of organized labor during the past two months, we observe that subversive interests have entered the field."

The notorious Los Angeles Merchants and Manufacturers Assn. has agreed to help the Long Beach Chamber combat trade unionism's growth.

L.A. Police Sore At Judge After Dress Strike

LOS ANGELES.—The police did their brutal darndest against the dress strikers on the picket lins, but they apparently aren't satisfied that they got enough cooperation in court.

Police officials have been blasting Municipal Judge Curtis since the end of the strike for "failure to cooperate in curbing violence in the garment workers strike."

The police are sore because Curtis released some strikers on their own recognizance.

L. A. Open Shoppers Call For Labor Relations Court

Kansas Court of Ill Repute Brought To Mind By Proposals of Strikebreaking Sheet in Southland

LOS ANGELES.—The Los Angeles open shop interests have a new card up their sleeve in the frantic effort to halt the increasing growthe of organized labor in this once-upon-a-time open shop paradise.

TELLING THE LEGISLATURE PLENTY



PLENTY OF SPUNK, have the Pennsylvania unemployed. They marched from every corner of the state, disregarding hardships, and told the state legislature in Harrisburg that they refuse to be regarded as guinea pigs. Members of the Workers Alliance, they forced action on a $45,000,000 appropriation to feed the hungry jobless. Trade unions supported them.

It's a plan, suggested on behalf of the open shoppers, in the columns of the bull-throated voice of the open shoppers—the Los Angeles Times. Clarence A. Matson, in a columnin the Times, brings out the suggestion for a Court of Labor Relations.

"Before a group of employees can ethically demand recognition for their organization-union, association, or whatever it may be, such organization must place itself in a position to assume responsibility for its acts.

"In other words, it must incorporate legally and be financially responsible.

Next a legally constituted tribunal must be set up to settle disputes and differences between employers and employees, and with sufficient authoriyt to enforce its decisions. Probably this could be best done by some court.

For Outlawing Strike

"With this machinery set up, it then should be legally possible to outlaw both strikes and lockouts."

"An organized strike to enforce demands," says Matson, "which may or may not be just, should be made impossible by law."

If anyone has any doubt as to what this would mean to organized labor, let him recall the bitter fight the A.F. of L. put up against the infamous Kansas Industrial Relations Court, which by the way, Alfred Landon had a big part in putting over.

The Kansas Court simply made it imposible for organized labor to do anything to bring about improved conditions or wages. Severe penalties threatened any union members who struck. It was exactly what the Los Angeles Times now propose for California.

The Kansas Industrial Relations Court became the center of such a great campaign against it by organized labor that it finally had to be dumped. If it hadn't been dumped, it is likely that there would have been general strike action throughout the country.

The full danger of the Times proposal can be seen in the concluding words of the bright idea that the machinery for providing enforcement of the Court's decisions be set up through requiring the unions as well as employers to post bonds, and that provisions be made that a union be dissolved automatically if employees strike.

Employers then might employ non-union employees, "with penalties for the use of force or threats," says the Times columnist.

Organized labor will never stand for that kind of stuff.

Unions Gain In the South

New Organizations In L.A.

LOS ANGELES.—The application of the Dairy Workers Union for a federal charter under the American Federation of Labor has been approved by Edward Vandeleur, state secretary of the State Federation of Labor, it was announced here by union officials.

Over 100 workers attended the last meeting of the union.

Charged by the International Brotherhood of Machinists with discriminatory discharge of a worker and interference with self-organization of Machinist Local 389, the Consolidated Aircraft Company has been ordered by the local National Labor Relations board to reinstate the fired worker with back pay for time lost since discharged.

Organization of a new local of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters was completed here this week and charter installed by Don Cameron, organizer. The new local, number 1052, will take in all general carpenters outside of the studios in the Beverly Hills, Hollywood and surrounding districts.

Organized four weeks ago, the House Movers, Local 923, presented contracts to local employers here this week. The House Movers are chartered by the International Builders and Common Laborers' Union and have nearly 100 members at the present time. The local is affiliated with the Central Labor Council.

NEGRO ACTOR SAVED

NEW YORK.—Frank Watson, Negro actor, was saved by the Committee for Protection of Foreign Born from deportation to West Africa.

ILA TO AID MATES IN DRIVE

SAN FRANCISCO.—Local 38-79 of the I.L.A. has unanimously agreed to aid the Masters, Mates and Pilots in organizing the mates on the American-Hawaiian and Swayne and Hoyt ships.

The Masters, Mates and Pilots has the steam schooners 100% organized, but not the off-shore ships. A company union exists on the Swayne and Hoyt ships.

S. Jose Laundry Bosses Cracking

SAN JOSE.—The San Jose laundry strikers brought the list of union plants up to four, when another "champion of the open shop" cracked, and signed up. This laundry was the Sainte Claire.

The other union laundries are the Garden City, which deserted the open shoppers a few days before the Sainte Claire, and also the Diamond and the French laundries. The laundry strike is solid after a month of struggle, with about 500 workers still out.

The agreement with the Sainte Claire places the plant on a union basis for a year, and raises wages by an average of 6 and two-thirds cents an hour.

After a long fight with the owners of five motion picture houses of Pasadena, local 150 of the Moving Picture Projectionists, have secured an agreement with the bosses and the shows will now employ union projectionists. The five theatres have been picketed by members of Local 150, day and night, for a number of weeks.

Fill People's Chest Against Reaction! Use donation blank on Page 3.

Typewriter Men Organized By S.F. Machinists

SAN FRANCISCO.—The San Francisco typewriter and adding machine mechanics are on the list of those to be organized by Machinists Local 68. About 125 workers from these groups came to a meeting the other day at Labor Temple to discuss the organization drive.

Organized Labor Grows Fast In Honolulu

HONOLULU.—The growth of organized labor on the Hawaiian Islands is again shown, this time by the Bartenders Union. The Union has ordered 200 new membership cards from printers in San Francisco.

C. W. Post. Honolulu agent of the Marine Firemen reports also that good progress is being made in organizing the waitresses and cab drivers here.

LAUD ANTI-NAZI

NEW YORK. — Calling Otto ugee, "more of a patriot than many native sons," the New Republic lauds his suit for $100,000 domages against Hearst's "American." Richer was saved from deportation to Germany recently.

OHIO METAL WORKERS WIN

TOLEDO.—About 250 workers in the Toledo Stamping Company won pay raises of from 2 to 7 cents an hour in a new agreement.

Here and There In California Labor Movement

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Maritime Federation District Council's committee in charge of arrangements for the benefit for the widow of Nick Bordoise, who was murdered in the 1934 strike, reports that rumors that she had remarried and does not need help are untrue. Mrs. Bordoise's health is poor and a benefit is being arranged to aid her because of this.

PITTSBURG. — More than 30 **boats were tied up when union fishermen struck for increase of one cent a pound for salmon. About 50 workers walked out.**

LOS ANGELES.—The strike against the Baby Line Furniture Corp. is solid. One day recently over 200 pickets and fifteen policemen were sent out against them, for "interfering with strikebreakers."

LONG BEACH.—Bakery Workers Union 31 has made further strides with the signing of the several Economy Market bakery shops. The Barbara Ann Baking Co. has also added its name to the list of union shops. The membership of the local union is now well over the hundred mark.

NAPA.—Local 490, of the Teamsters and Chauffeurs are moving toward affiliation with the Napa Central Labor and Building Trades Council. This move will allow the present strong local to remain intact and at the same time give representation to those of its members who reside in the Napa territory. The local has jurisdiction over the Vallejo district as well.

LONG BEACH.—The newly adopted wage scale of the Lathers Union in this vicinity has gone into effect. After a series of conferences between Local 172 and the contractors, it was agreed that the scale would be $1.50 an hour. This is a 25 cents an hour increase.

PASADENA.—After meeting for eight weeks and laying the ground work, the Butchers Union officers authorized a campaign for new members. In the past week many new applications have come in. The charter is open, and there is therefore no initiation fee, and dues are 25 cents a week.

Certain meat cutters here are working as much as 70 hours a week, showing the need for an organization drive.

SANTA MONICA.—The Painters of Santa Monica, Long Beach and San Pedro have applied to the International Union for a Bay District Painters District Council charter. Headquarters woud be set up about half way between Santa Monica and Long Beach, probably at Redondo Beach. The membership of the cities which would be included in the proposed District Council numbers about 1000.